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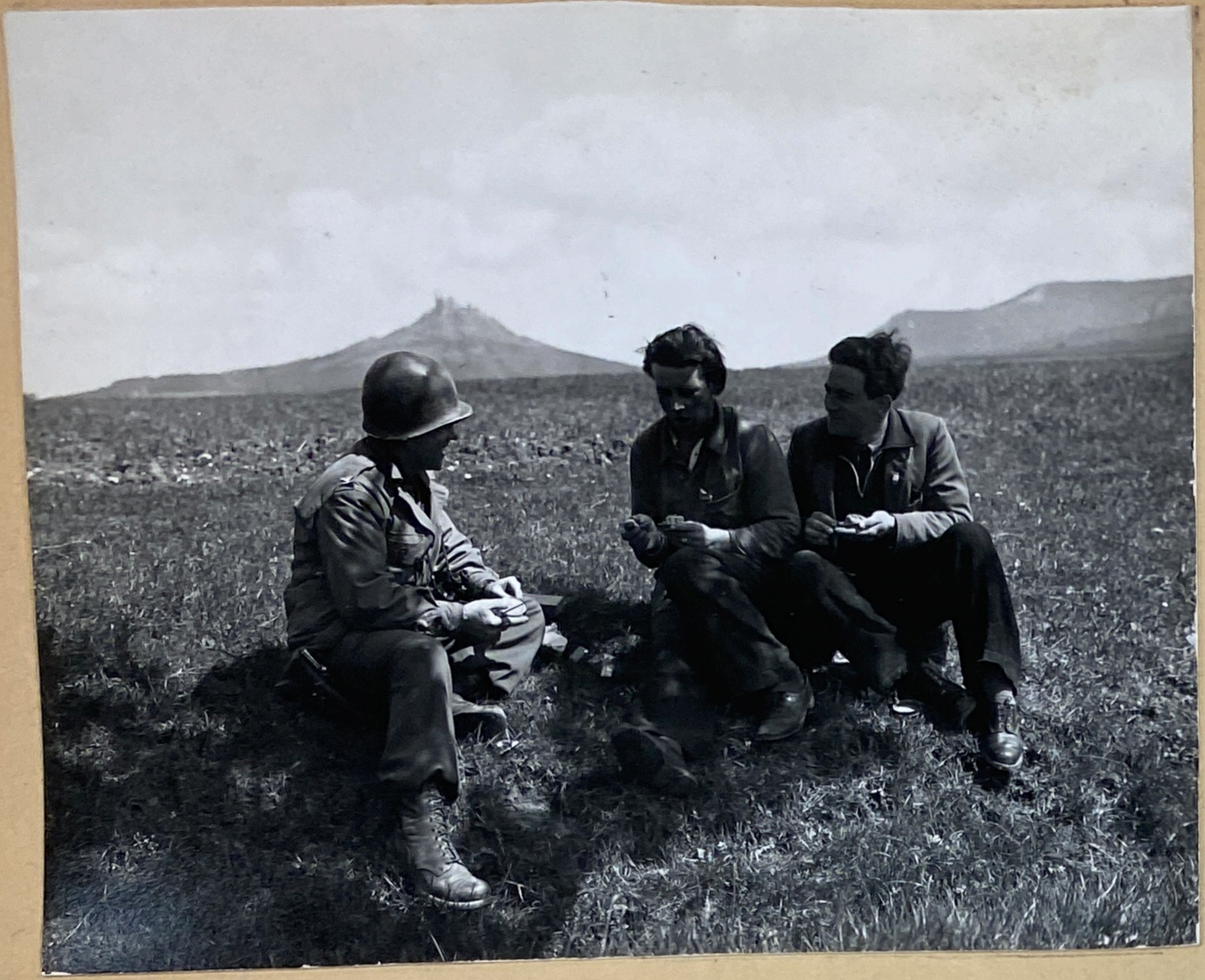
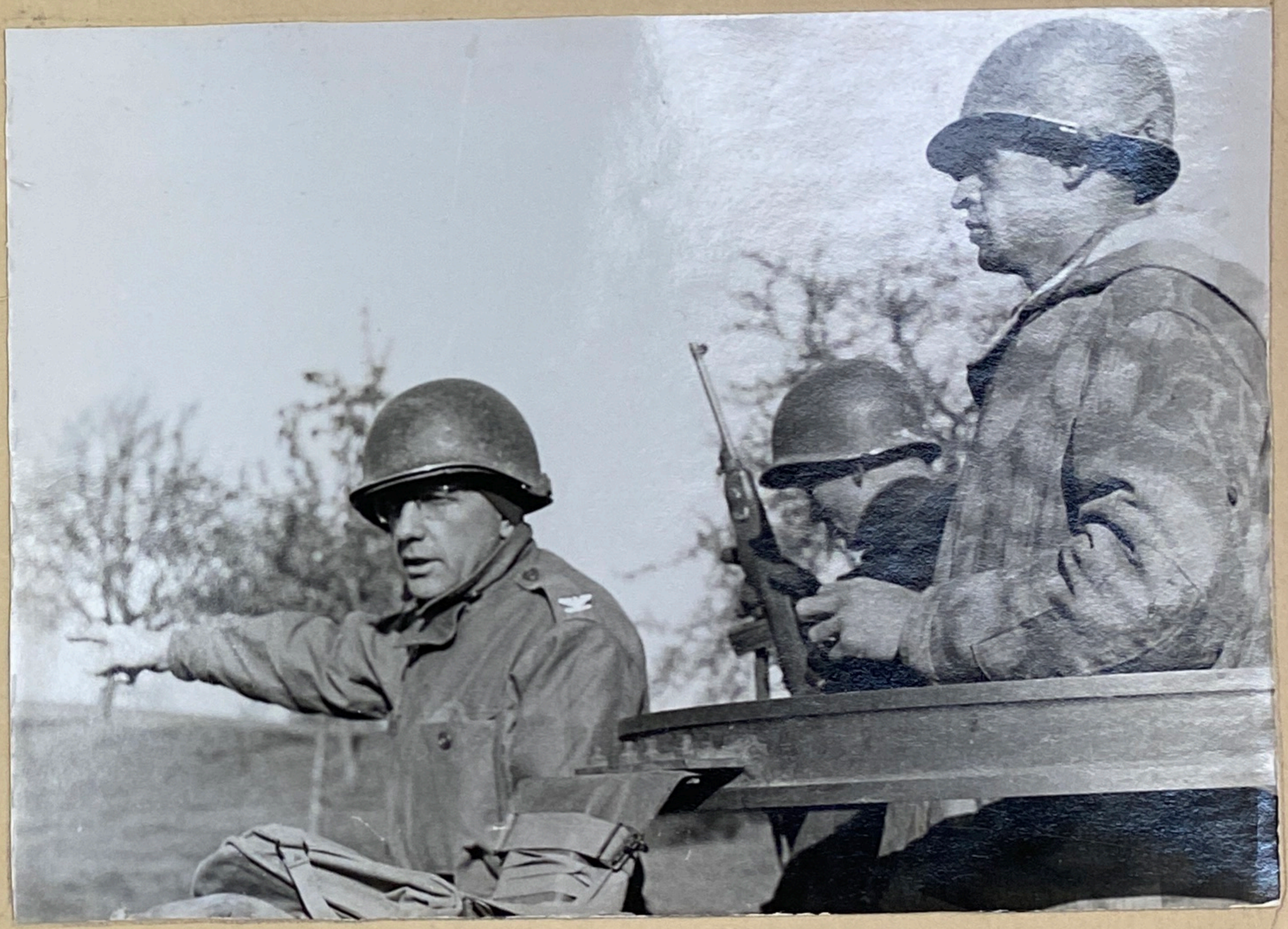
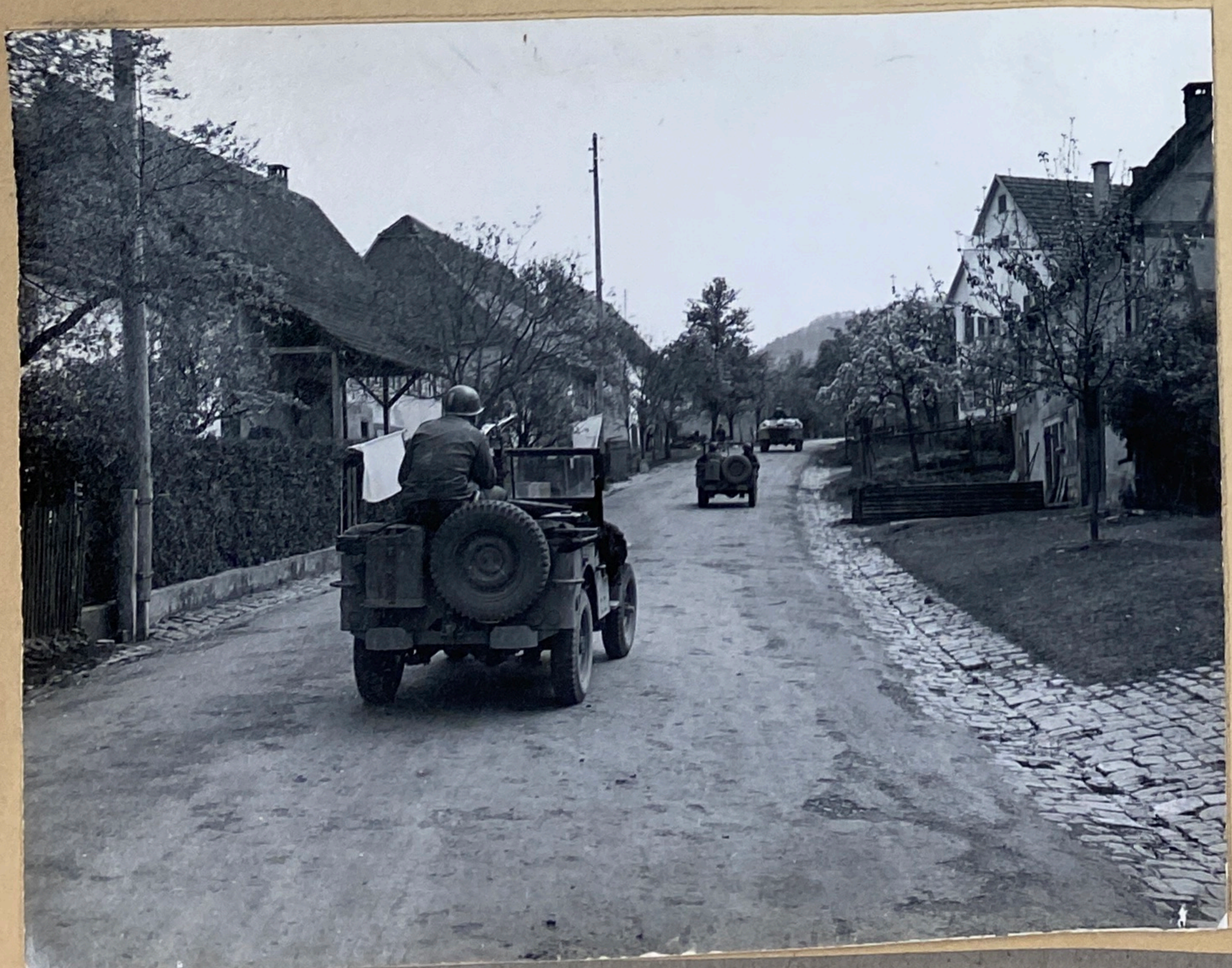


Left:
Colonel Pash and two Polish DP's who served as guides at Thanheim. With the Hohenzoller Schloss again in the background the Colonel carries on his interrogation while they try the Army K-ration.



Right:
Colonel Pash giving orders from his M-20 car as the party approached Thanheim. Crew Chief Cpl Brown keeps an ever watchful eye on the terrain. Sgt Holt is the man in back.



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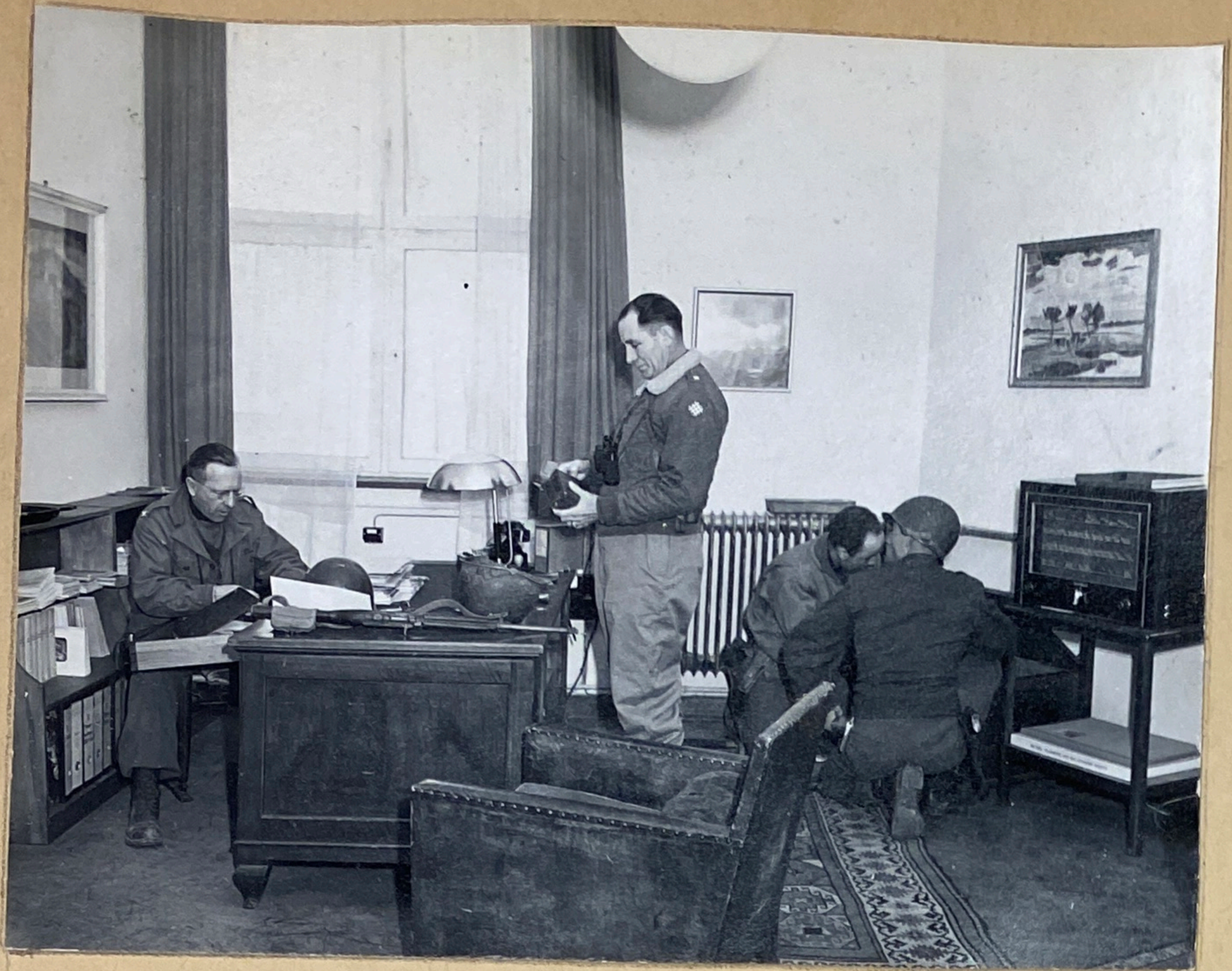
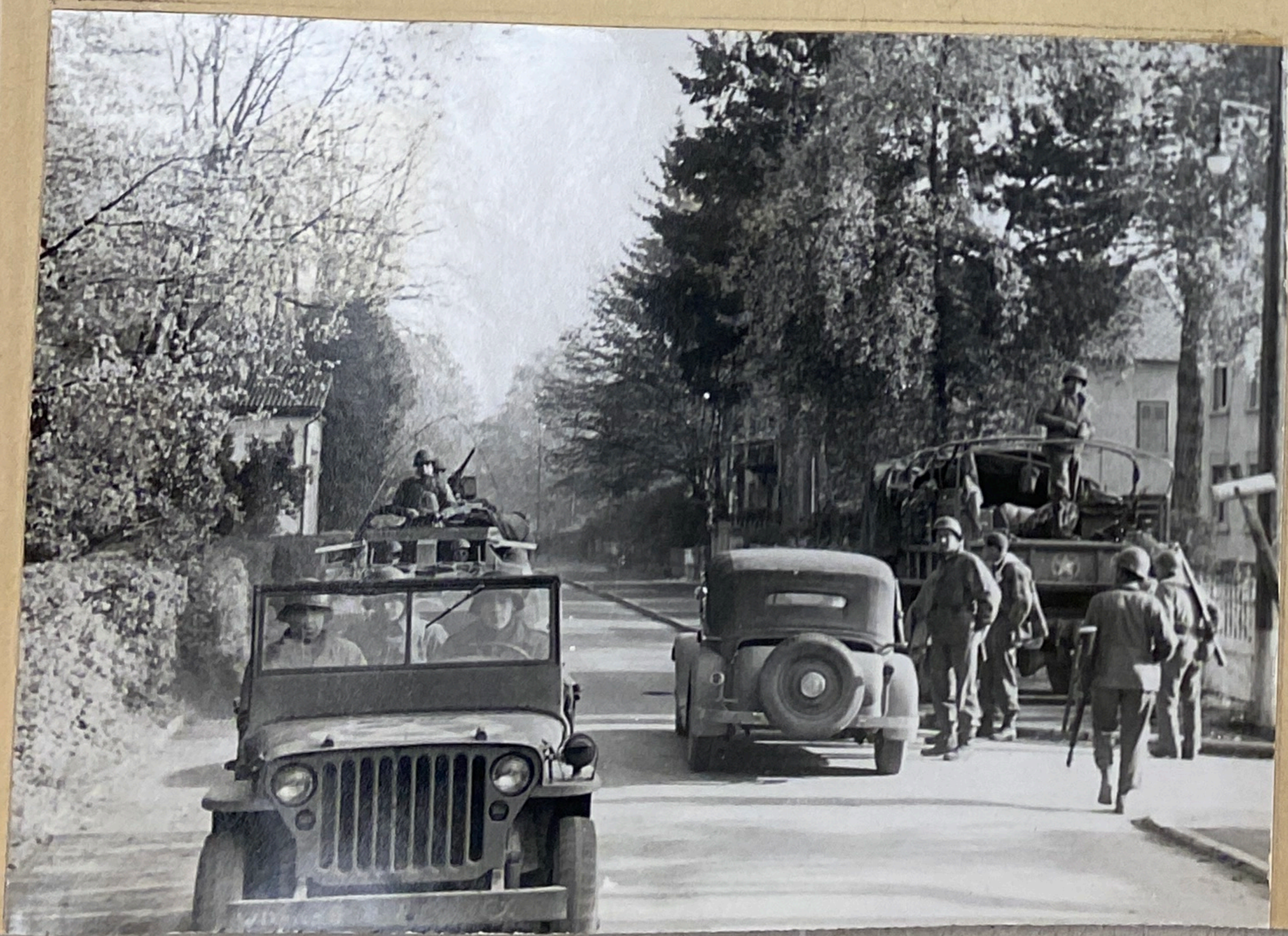
The convoy moves warily through Thanheim. Latest reports had five hundred troops in this pocket.

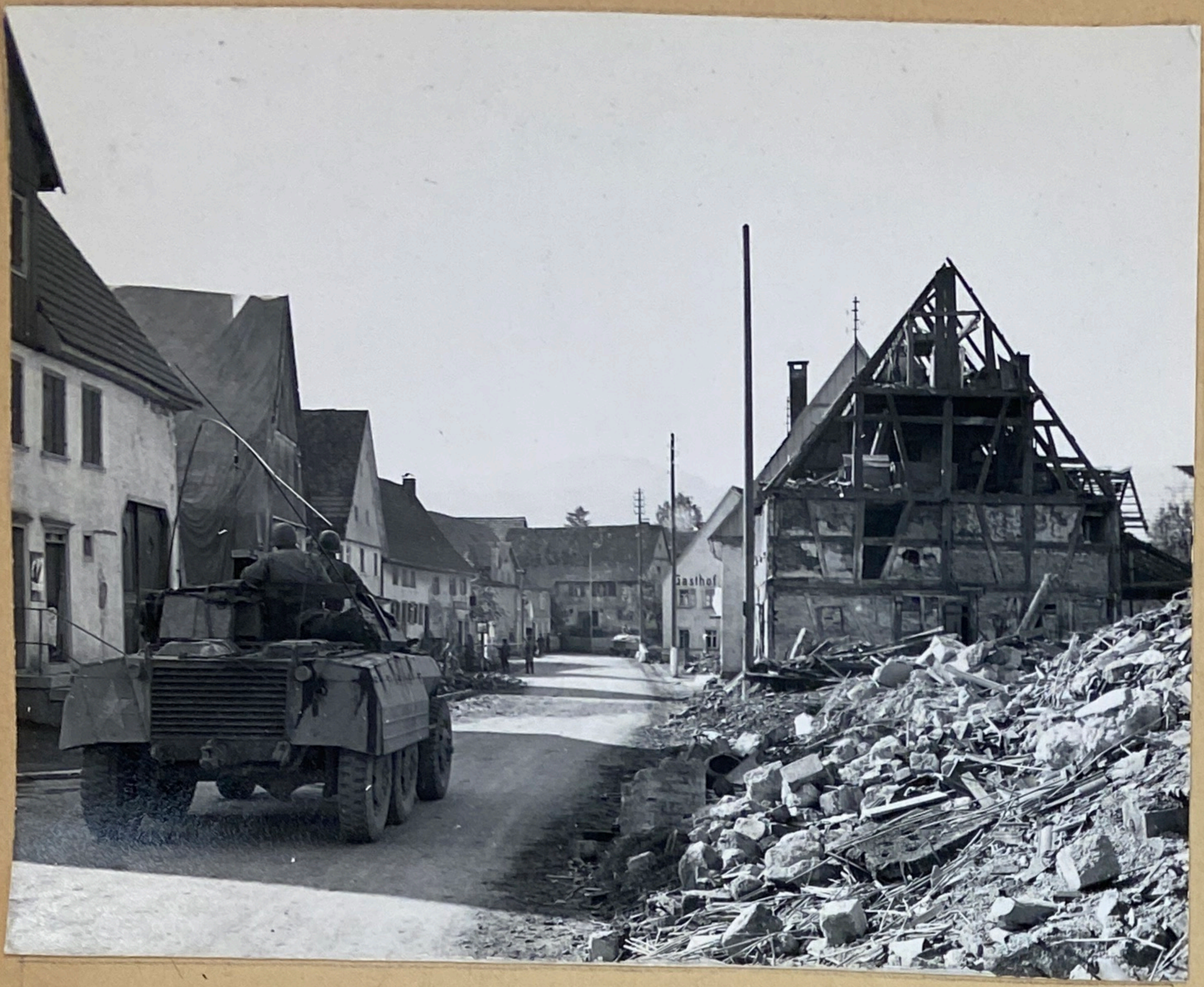


Left:
Colonel Pash, General Harrison, Lt Fiebig and Sgt Holt in the office of Kaiser Wilhelm Physik inspecting documents and equipment.

Right:
General Harrison climbed aboard this frieght car to look over the abandoned enemy equipment left in the railroad yards at Bisingen.

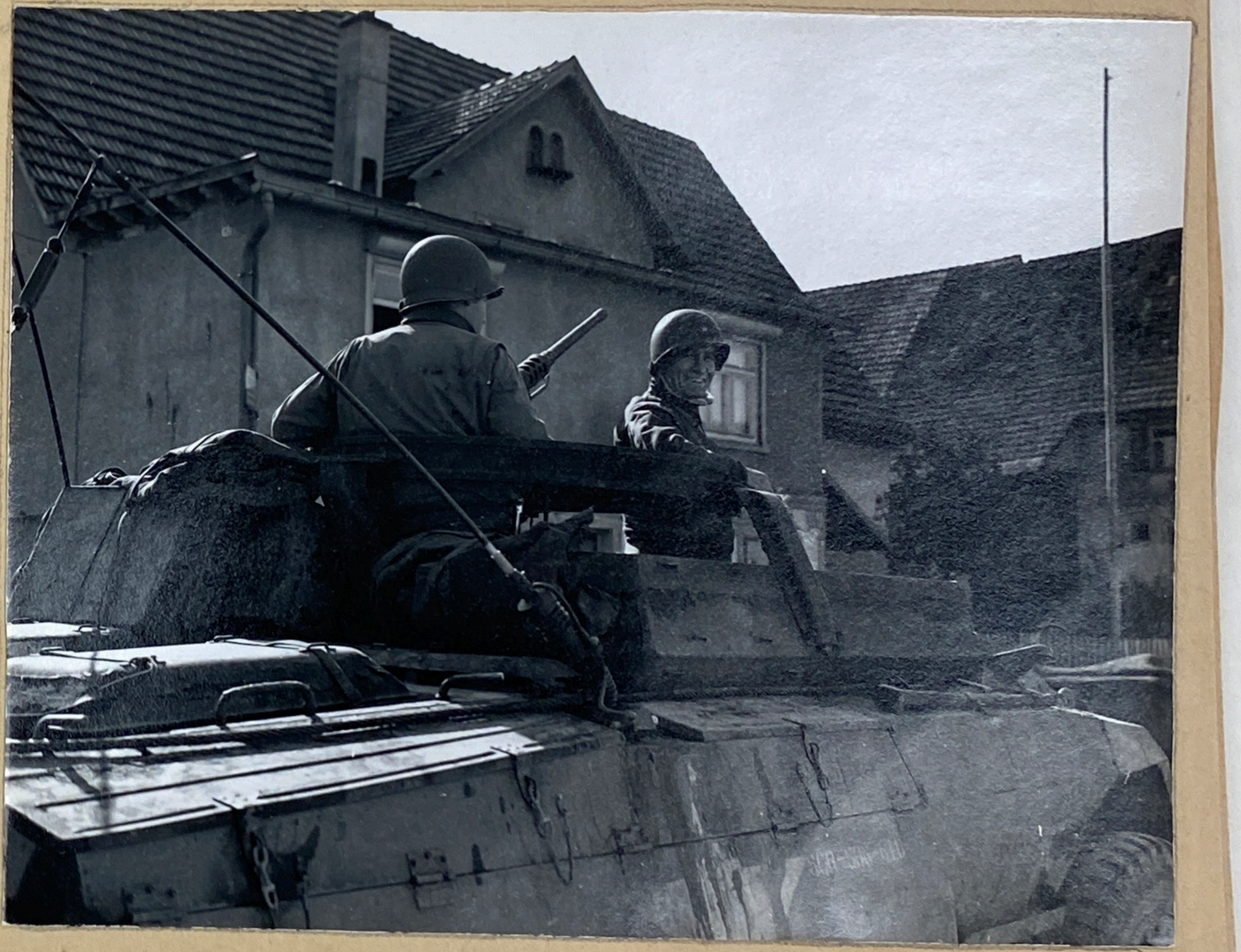


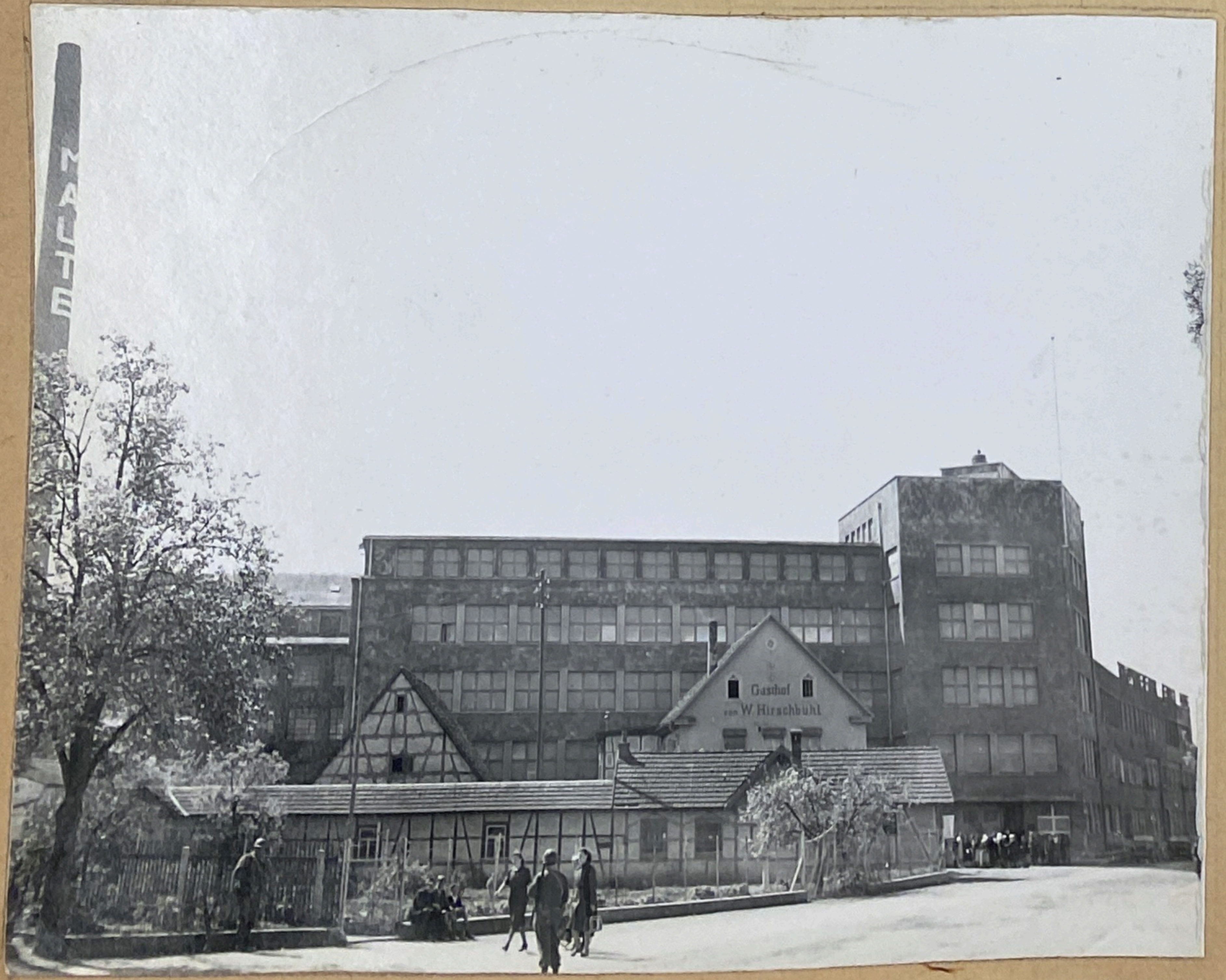
Left:
The column moves out of Hechingen at the start of the Thanheim operation. Gen. Harrison is the officer standing up in the M-20 behind the jeep.



Left:
Patrols and armored cars move on through past the target to secure the area. The town had been lousy with snipers the night before.

Right:
General Harrison with Special Agent Jerry Beatson in the second "Armored Division" as the column moves up.





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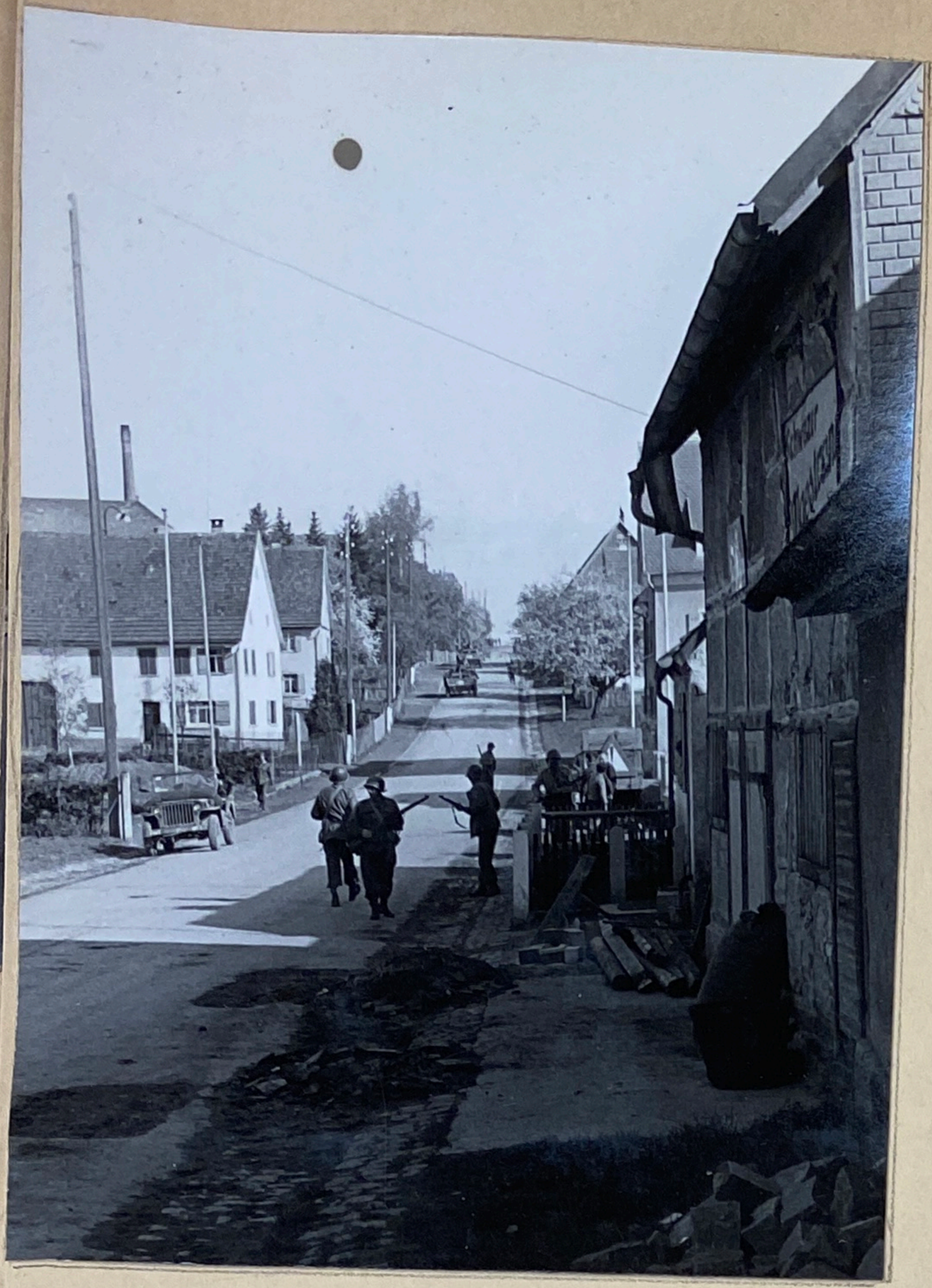
The Bisingen target, Kaiser Wilhelm Physik, was on the third floor of this factory building. Guards kept personnel in the area until interrogated.



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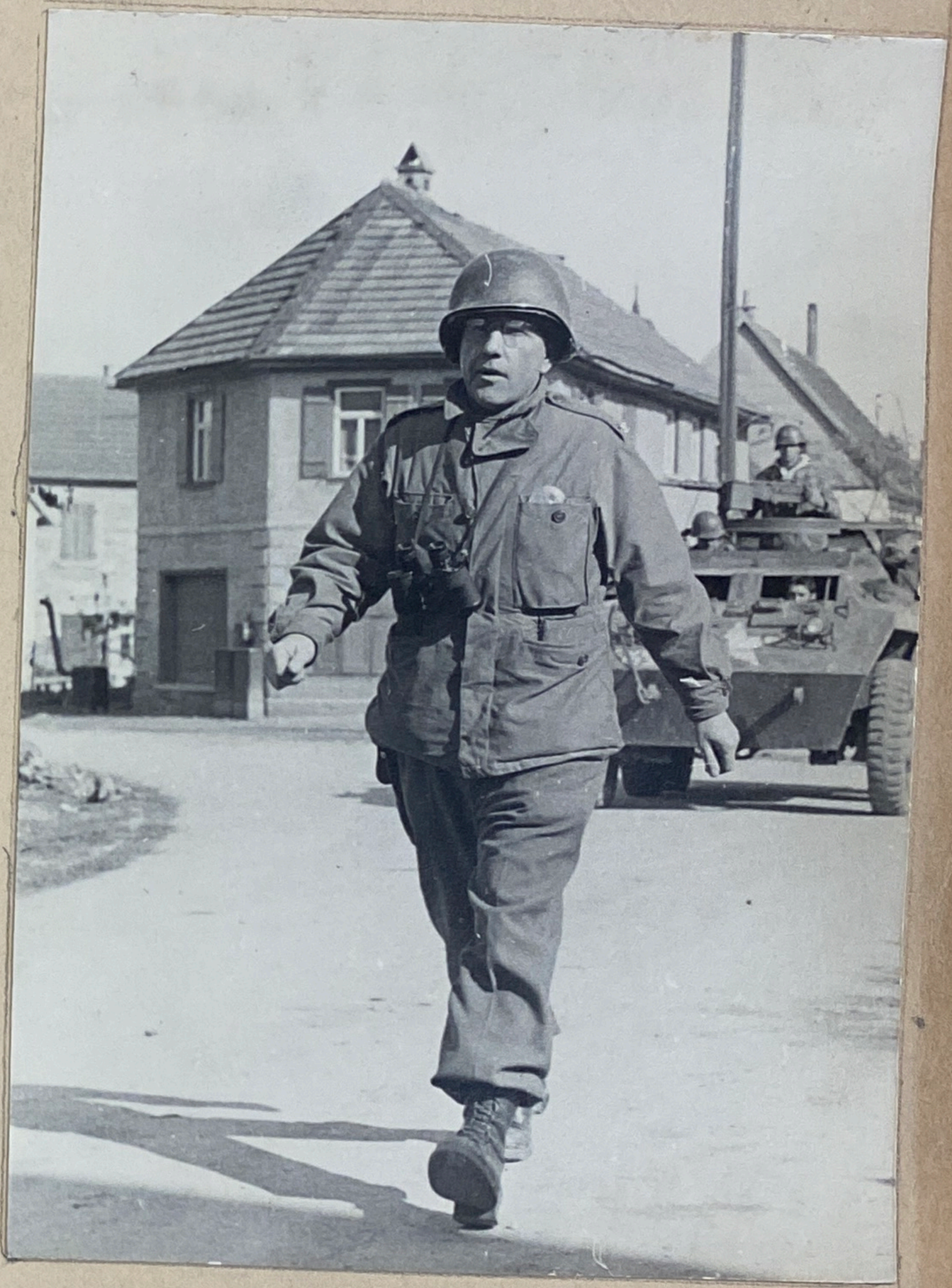
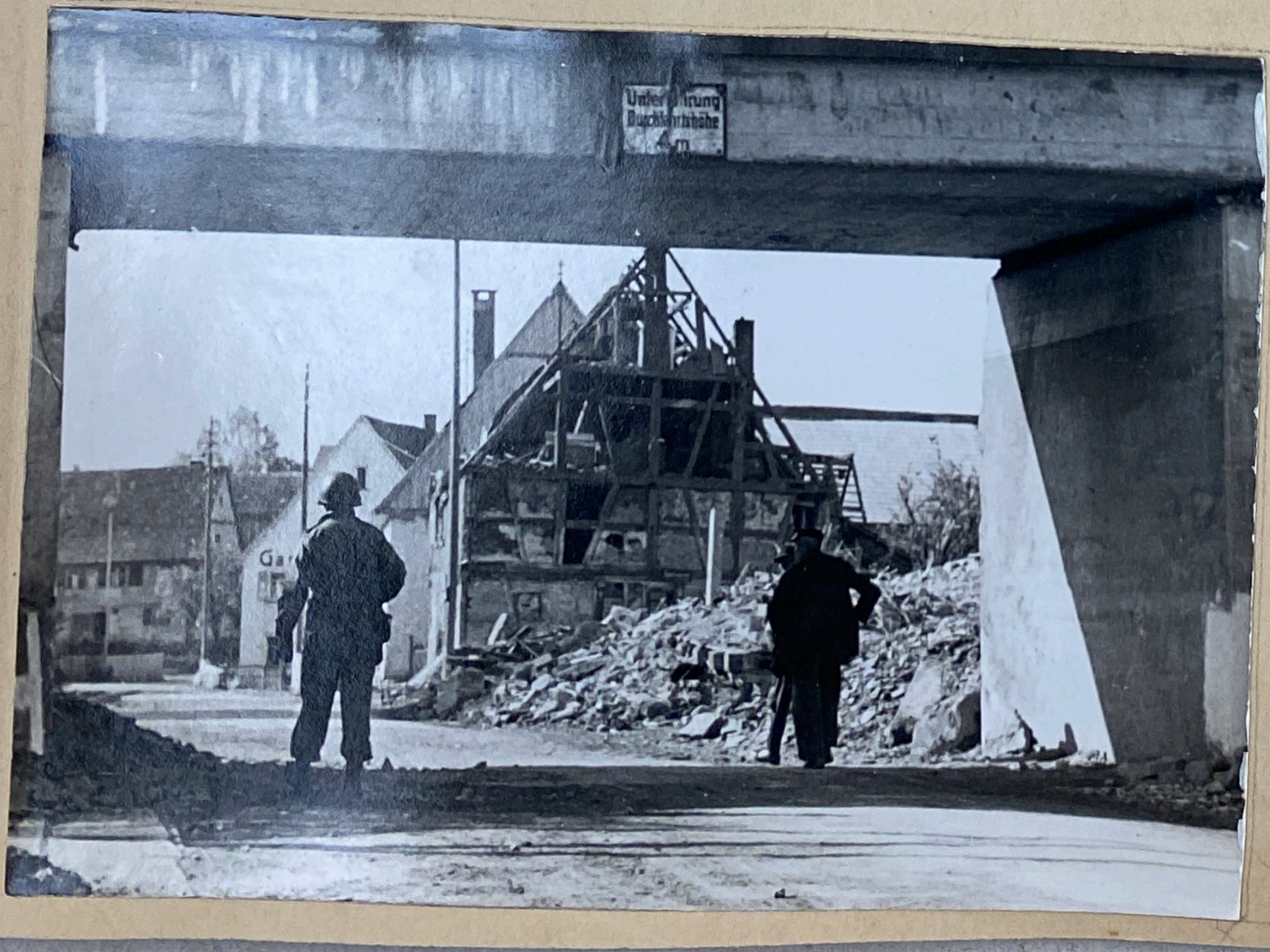
Ordered to check every house for snipers, the patrols proceeded without opposition and advance units meet near the target as the main column moves up. One shot was fired by an Engineer who thought a Heine a bit slow about opening his door.



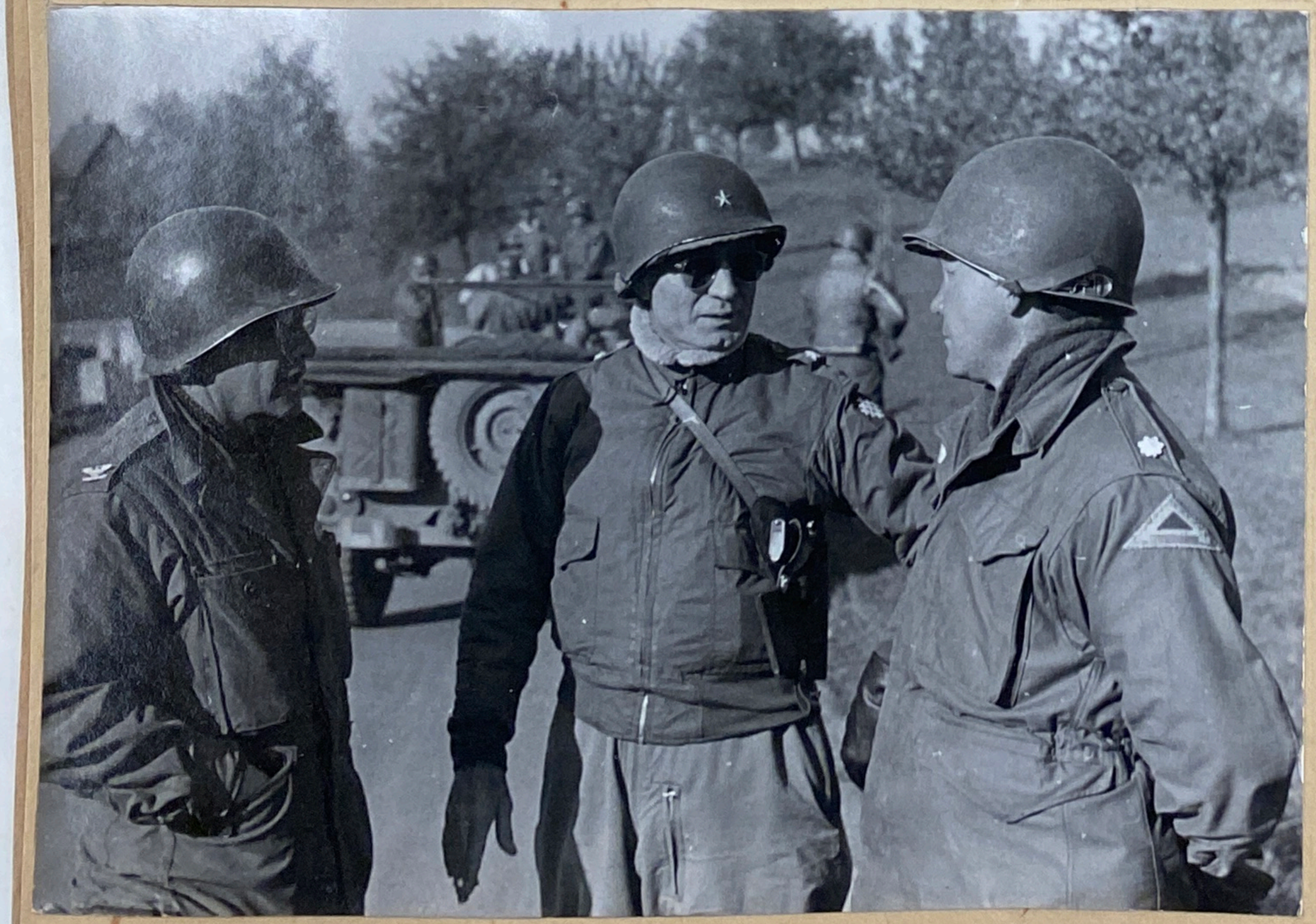
Right:
Colonel Pash leads the main column in. Within five minutes after this picture was taken he was in possession of the target.



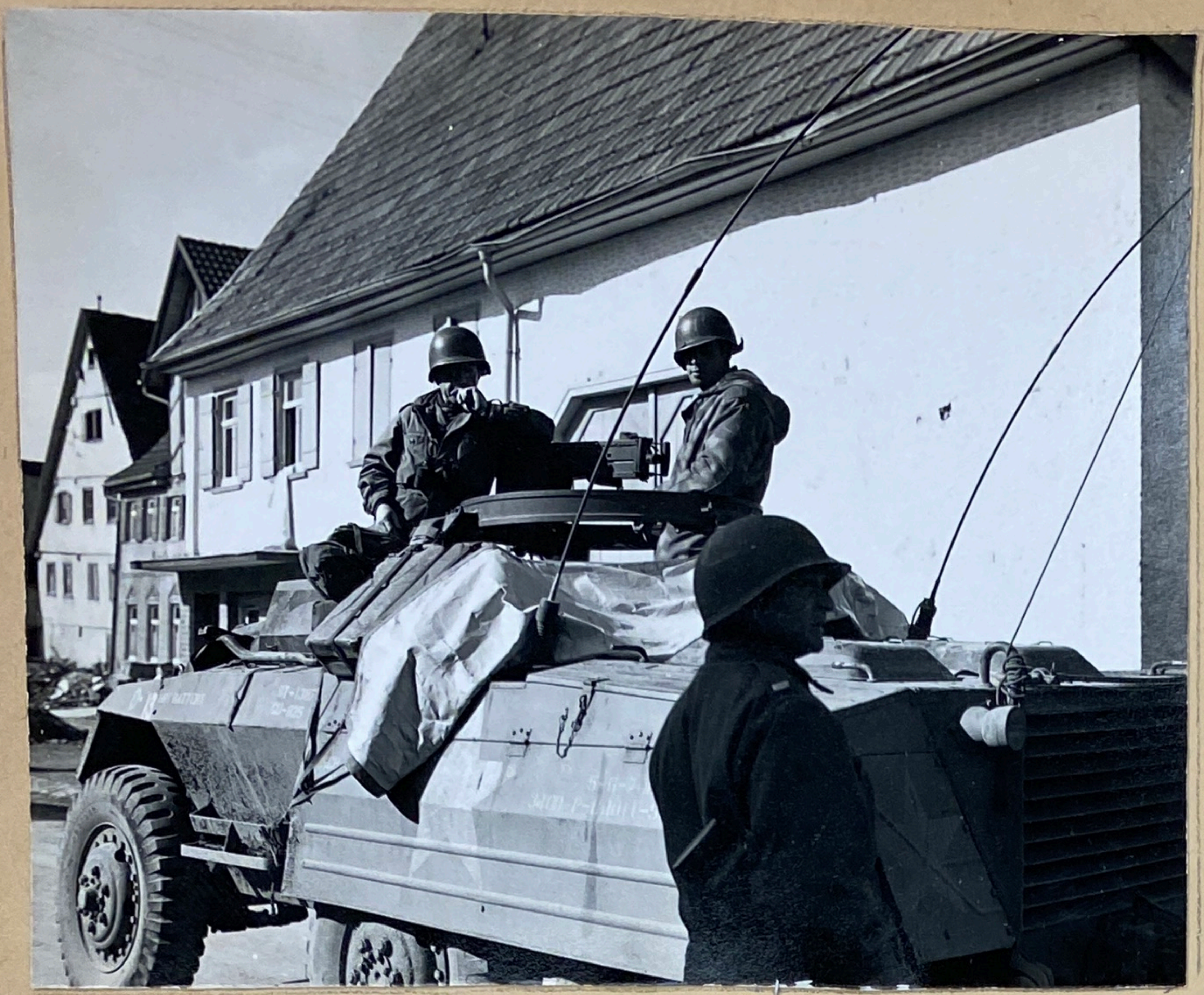
Left:
Colonel Pah proceeding to the target with two natives wondering whether to lie down or run.

Left:
Captain Wm J. Cromartie on the main tower of the old schloss. In the picture can be seen Thanheim, Bisingen and Hechingen, three of the towns that featured in this Southwest operation.

Right:
Sgt Thurgood, Photographer, surveys the landscape from the outer court of Hohenzollern Schloss. These pictures show what an excellent artillery OP the castle must have been.



Left:
Nearing the target on the Bisingen operation the column is stopped to reform and the strategists discuss possibilities. Colonel Pash, Brig. Gen. E.L. Harrison and Lt. Col. Willard White, Commanding the 1269th Combat Engineer Battalion.



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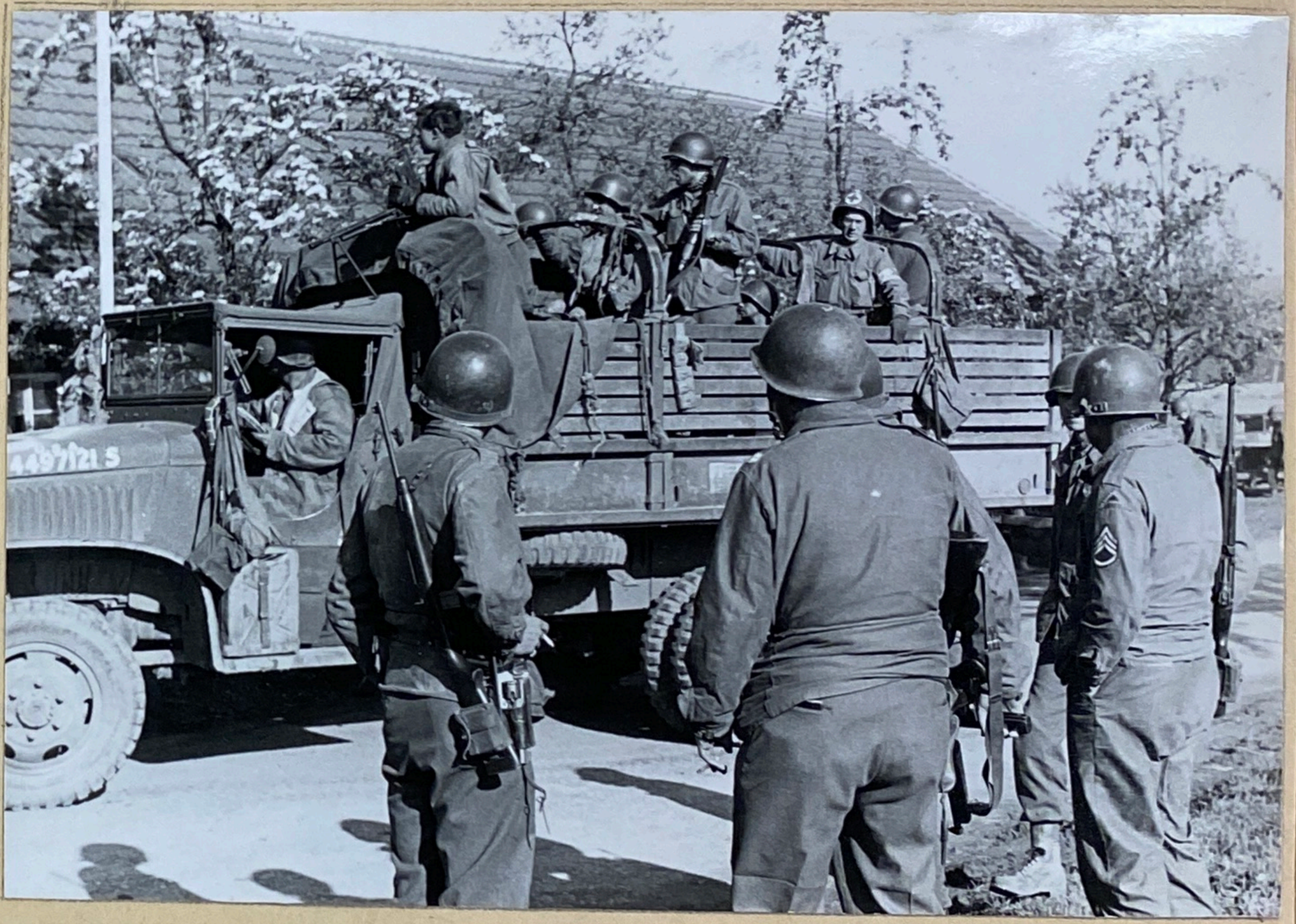
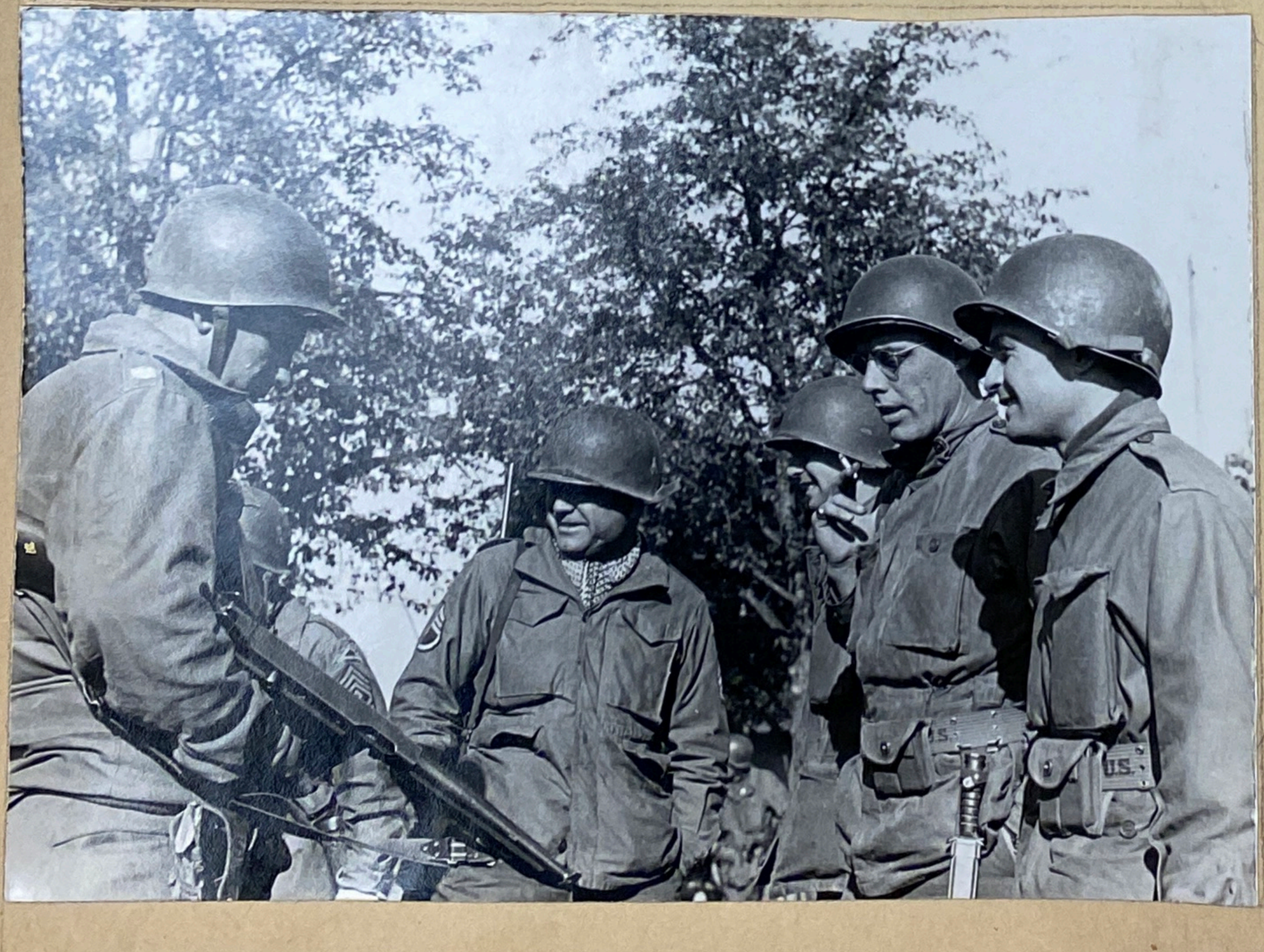
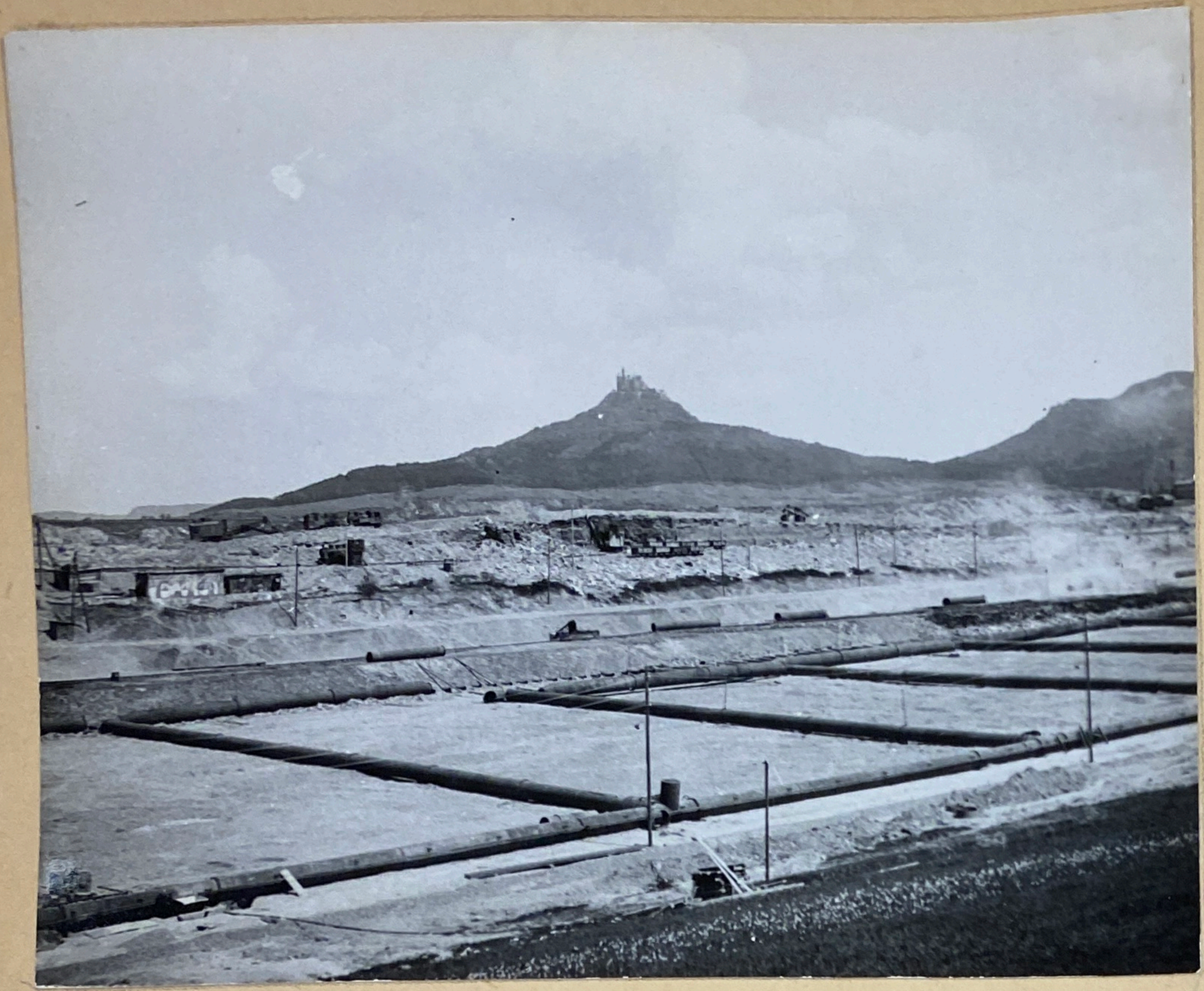
Colonel Pash stops the column at the outskirts of Bisingen to order up the Engineer patrols. With him in the M-20 is Crew Chie Corporal Herald Brown and the foreground, Lt Jack Ditisheim.



Right:
"C" Company of the Engineers move up to form the patrols that flanked the main column on entering Bisingen.

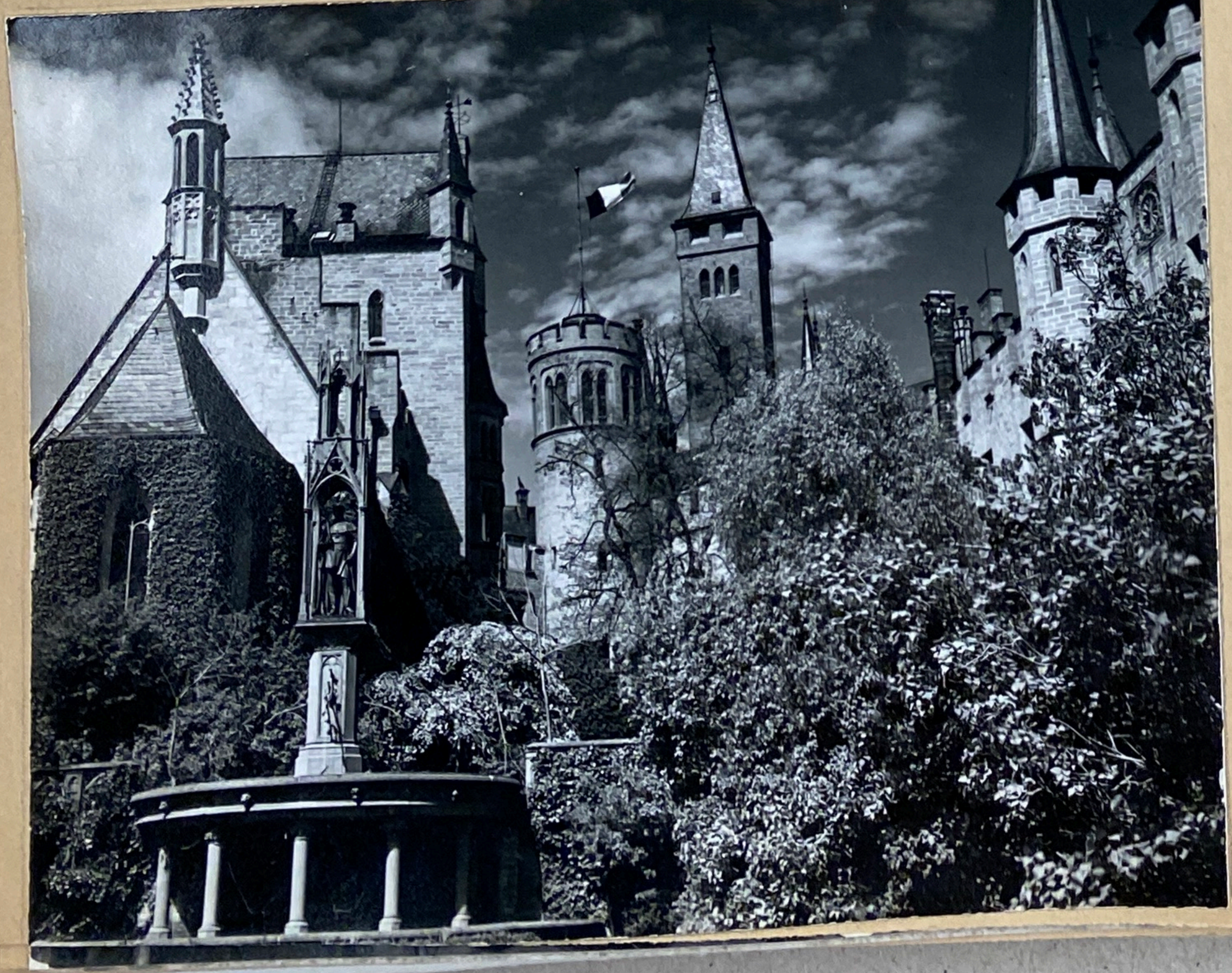


Left:
"C" Company lost a Ma. gun in a skirmish with a pocket of snipers during the night so this time they were loaded for "bear". Each patrol had a Bazooka team with an extra ammo man and every other man carried a BAR.

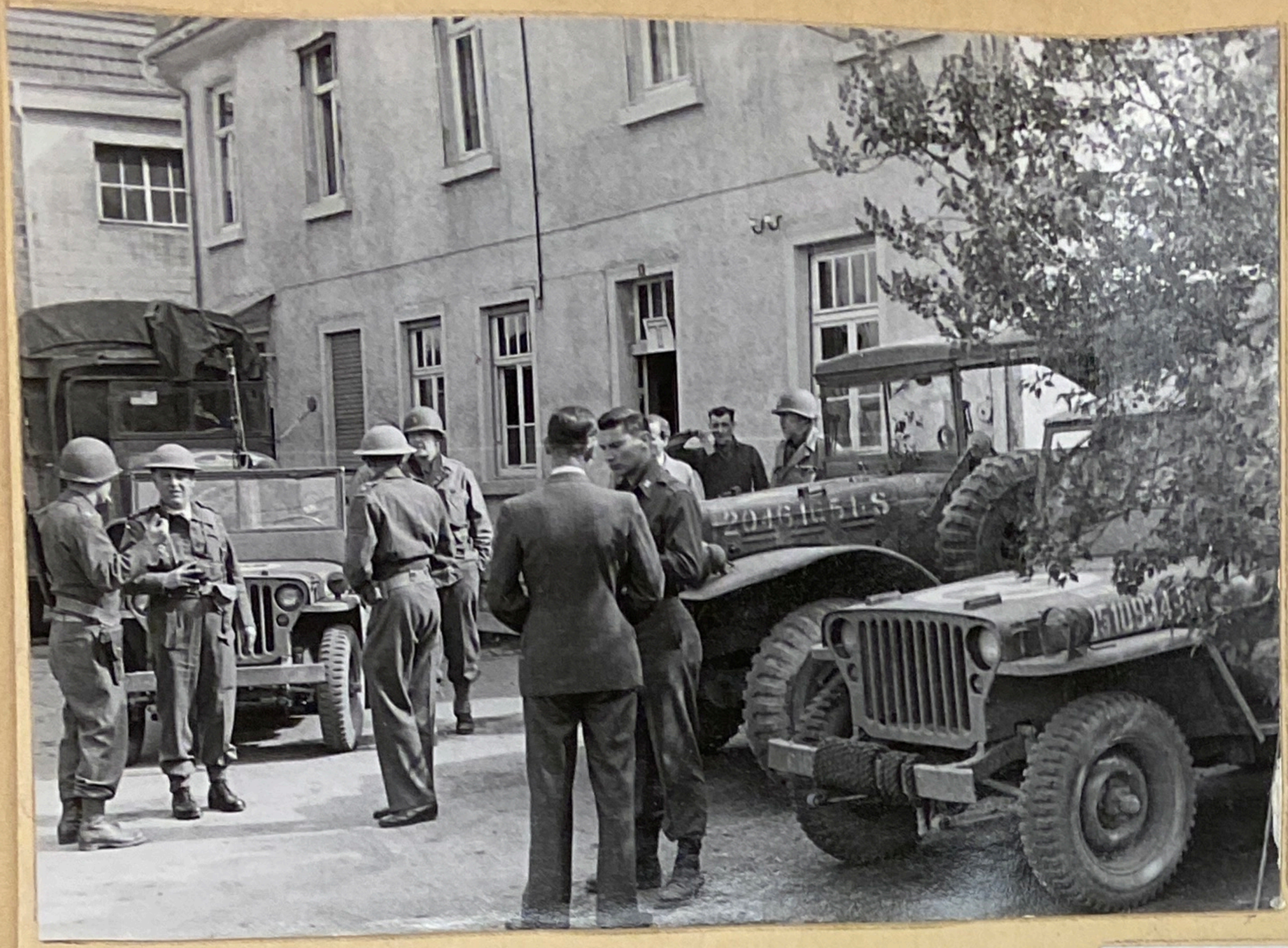


Left:
Because of the delay in ground operations, it was planned to use the 13th airborne troops to take this target though it later became unnecessary. In this picture the Hohenzollern Schloss can be seen in the background.

Right:
Hohenzollern Schloss, Hohenzollernburg. Landmark of the Hechingen operation. The castle is just two hundred years old and quite modern. It was built by the Kaiser as a summer Palace.

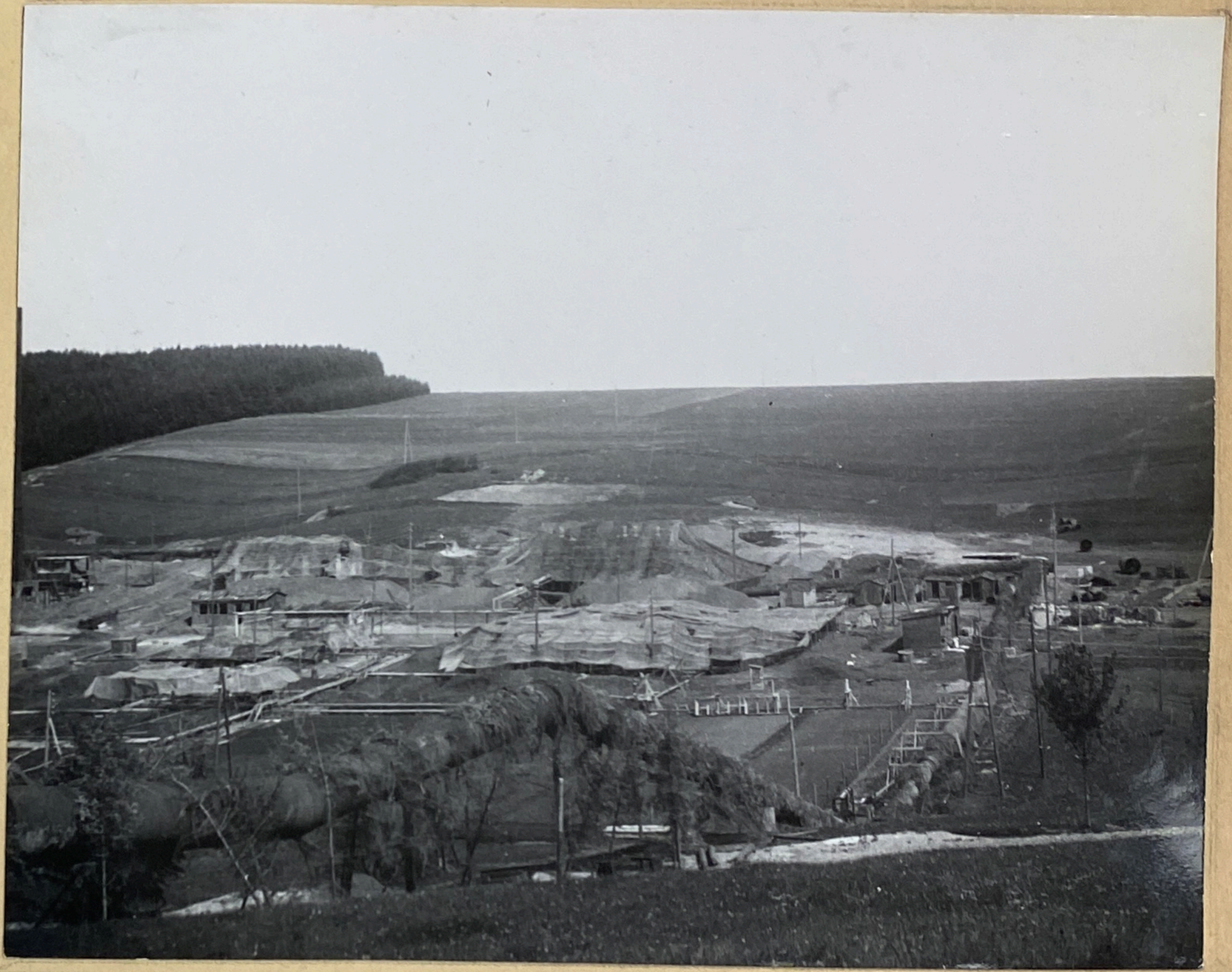


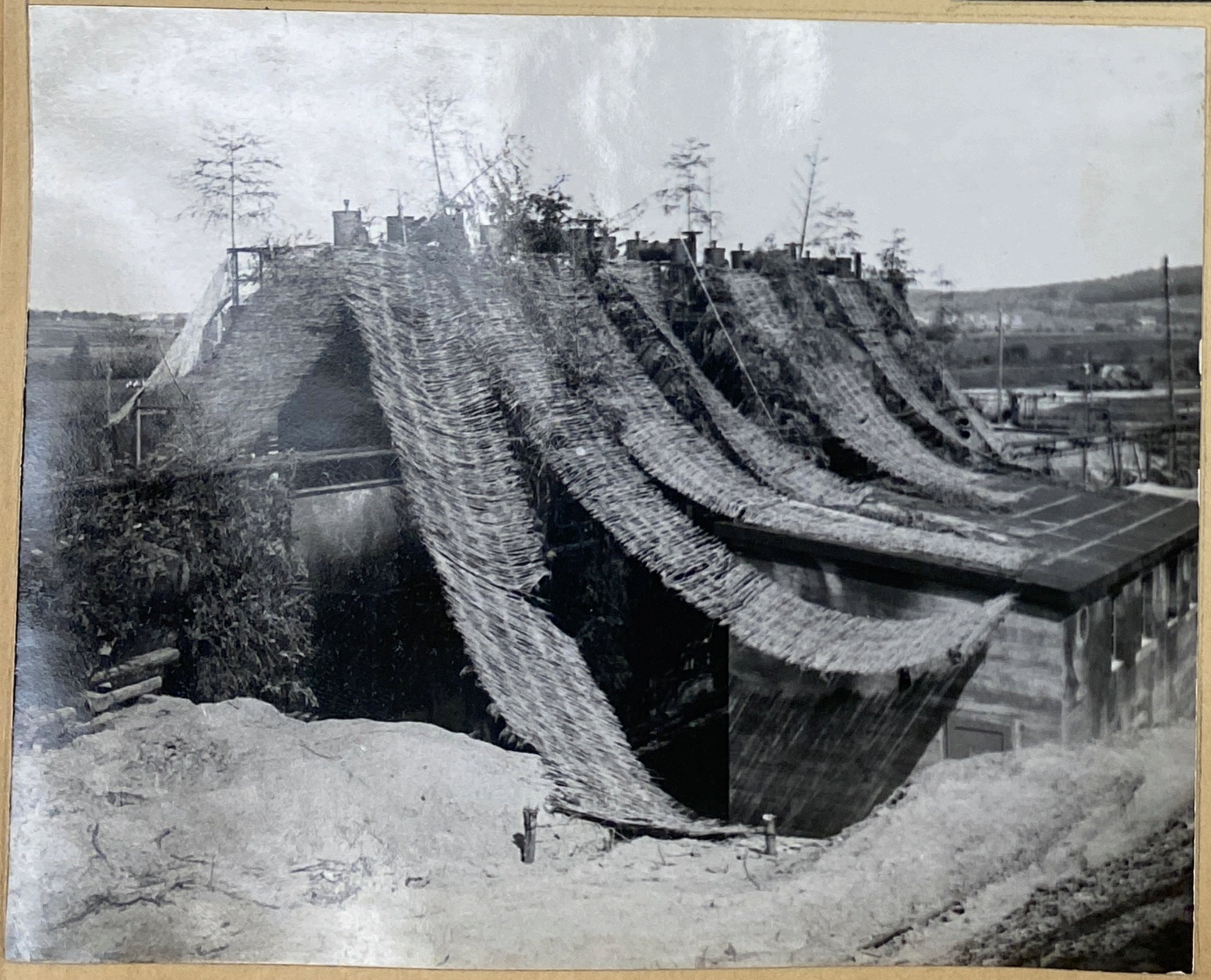
Left:
Inner court of Hohenzollern Schloss with the flag of the Free French Army flying from the staff. The castle served as an OP for both sides but was very slightly damaged itself.



Left:
At the Hq for operations in the wool mills at Hechingen. Lt. Col Lansdale, Lt. Commander Welsh, Wing Commander Cecil, Lt. Parrish, Major Blake(Talking to German in foreground), T/4 Lusnia(Scratching nose) and Lt. Gustavos Toepel.

Right:
Special target of Lt. Colonel E. V. Foran on the Southwest operation was this German shale-oil installation near Hechingen.





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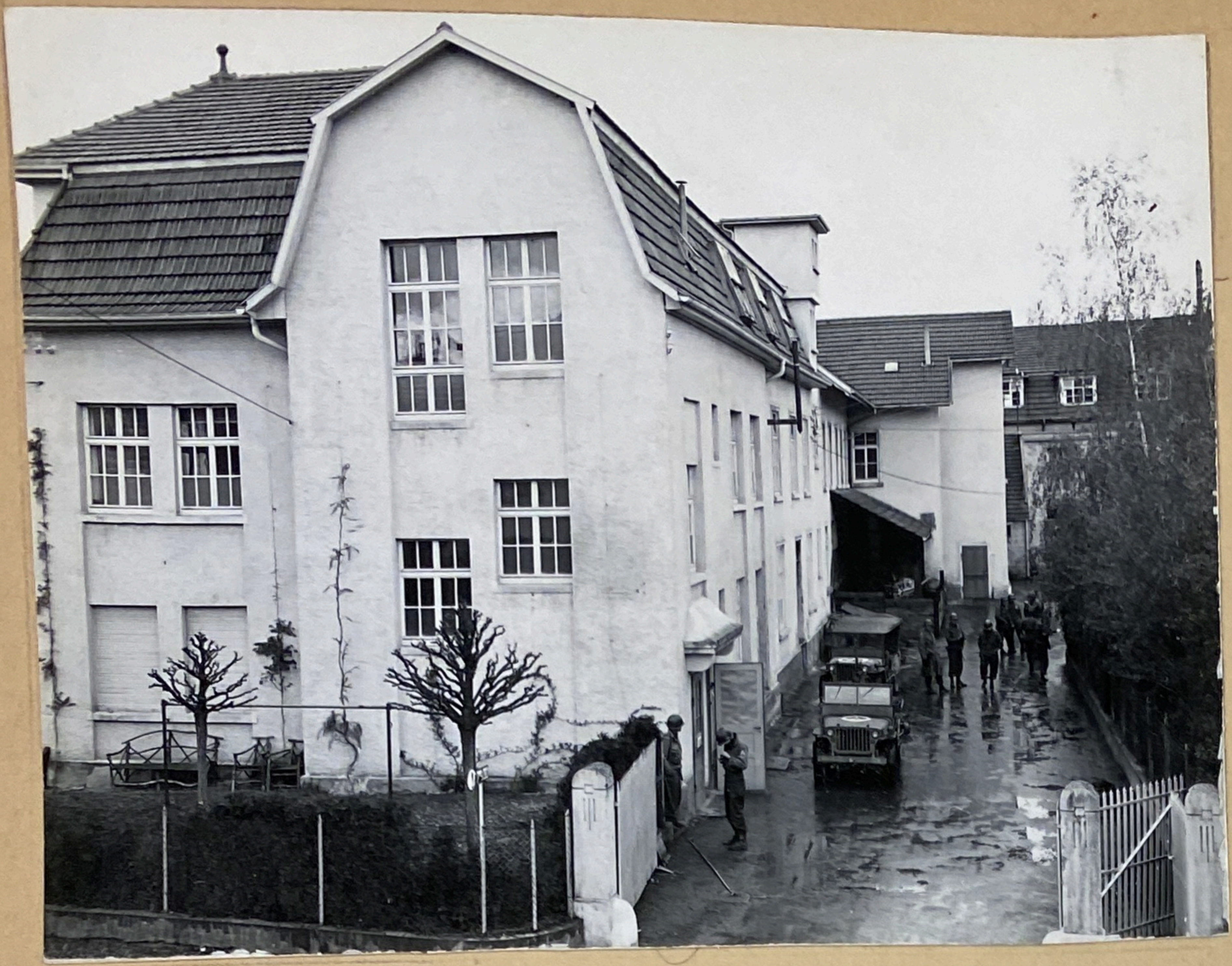
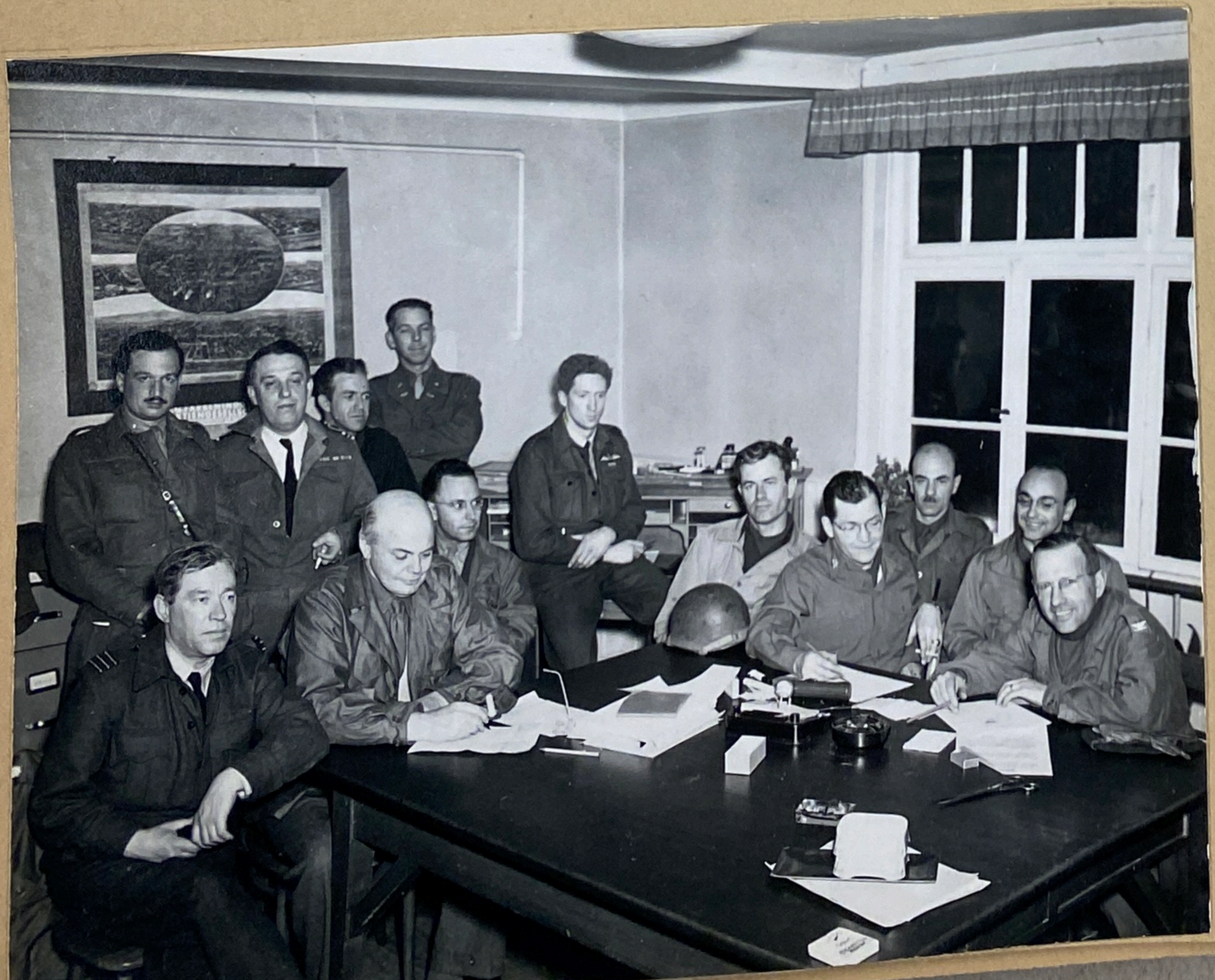
Because the camouflage would be removed one day and replaced the next as shown by aerial reconnaissance, considerable attention was focused on the installation.

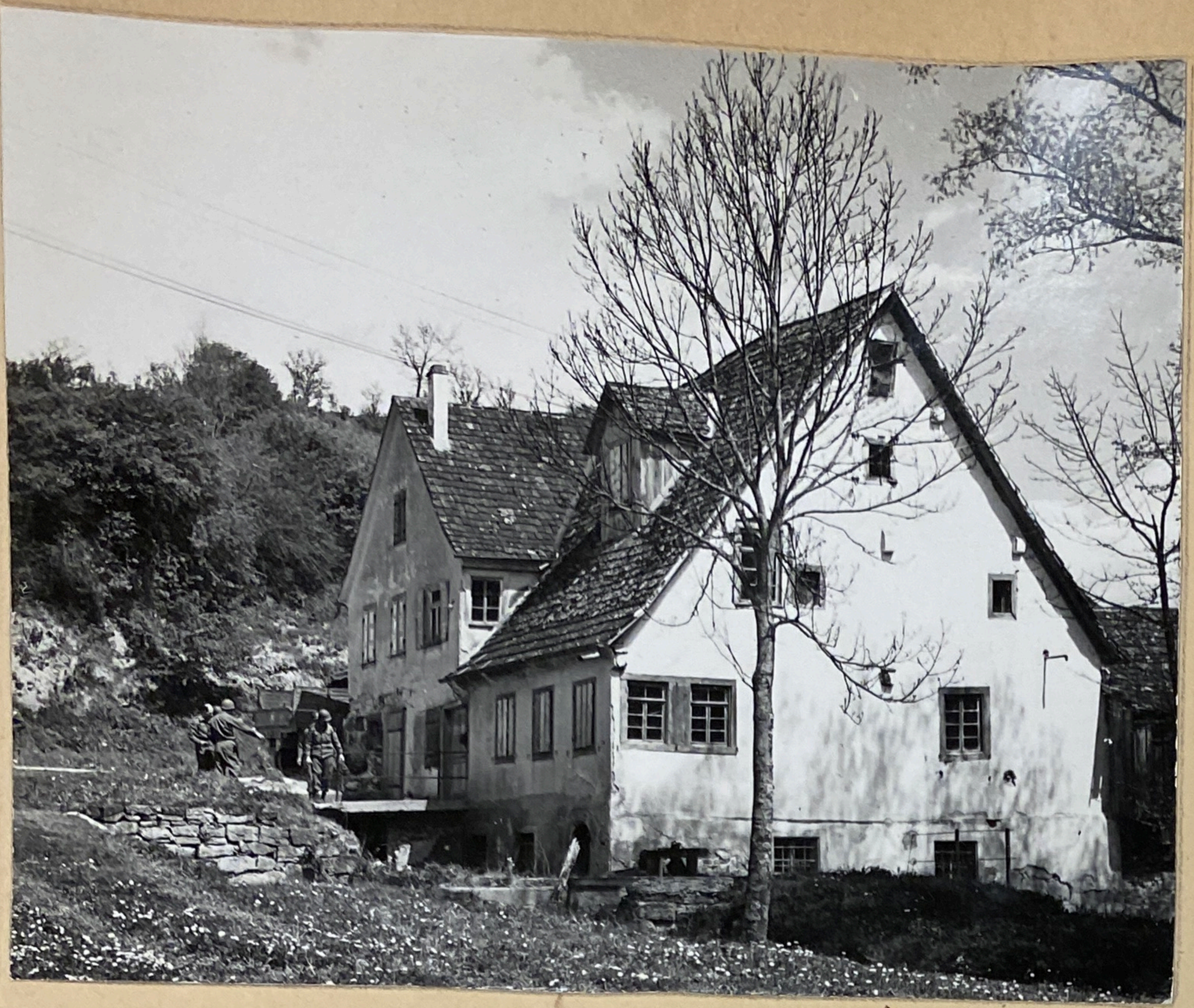


Left and below:
Target Hechingen. Kaiser Wilhelm Physik was housed in this wool mill.

At the time this target was taken the French artillery was pounding away just over the hill.

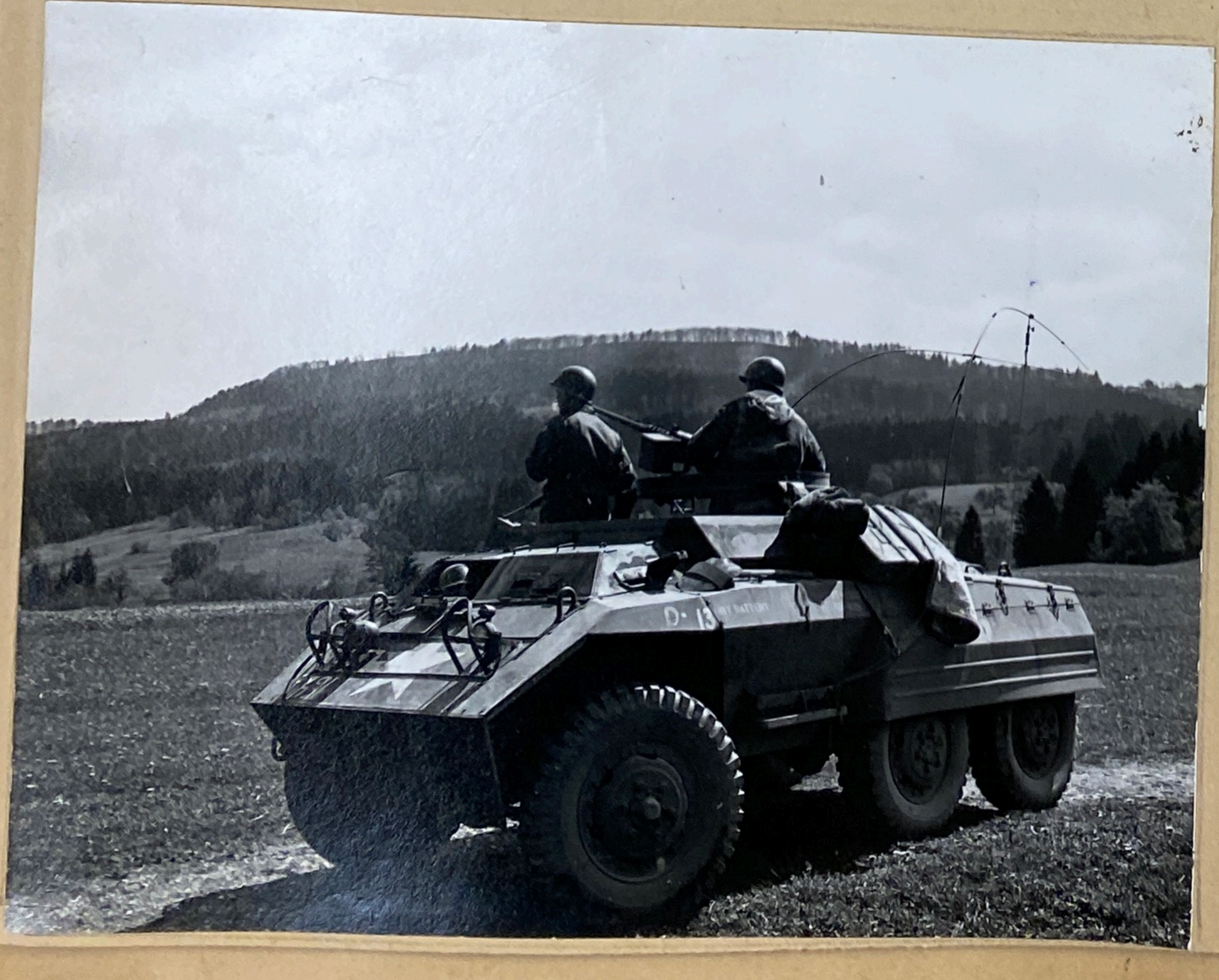


Left:
The scientific experts of the Southwest operations meet with Colonel Pash in the Kaiser Wilhelm laboratory at Hechingen.

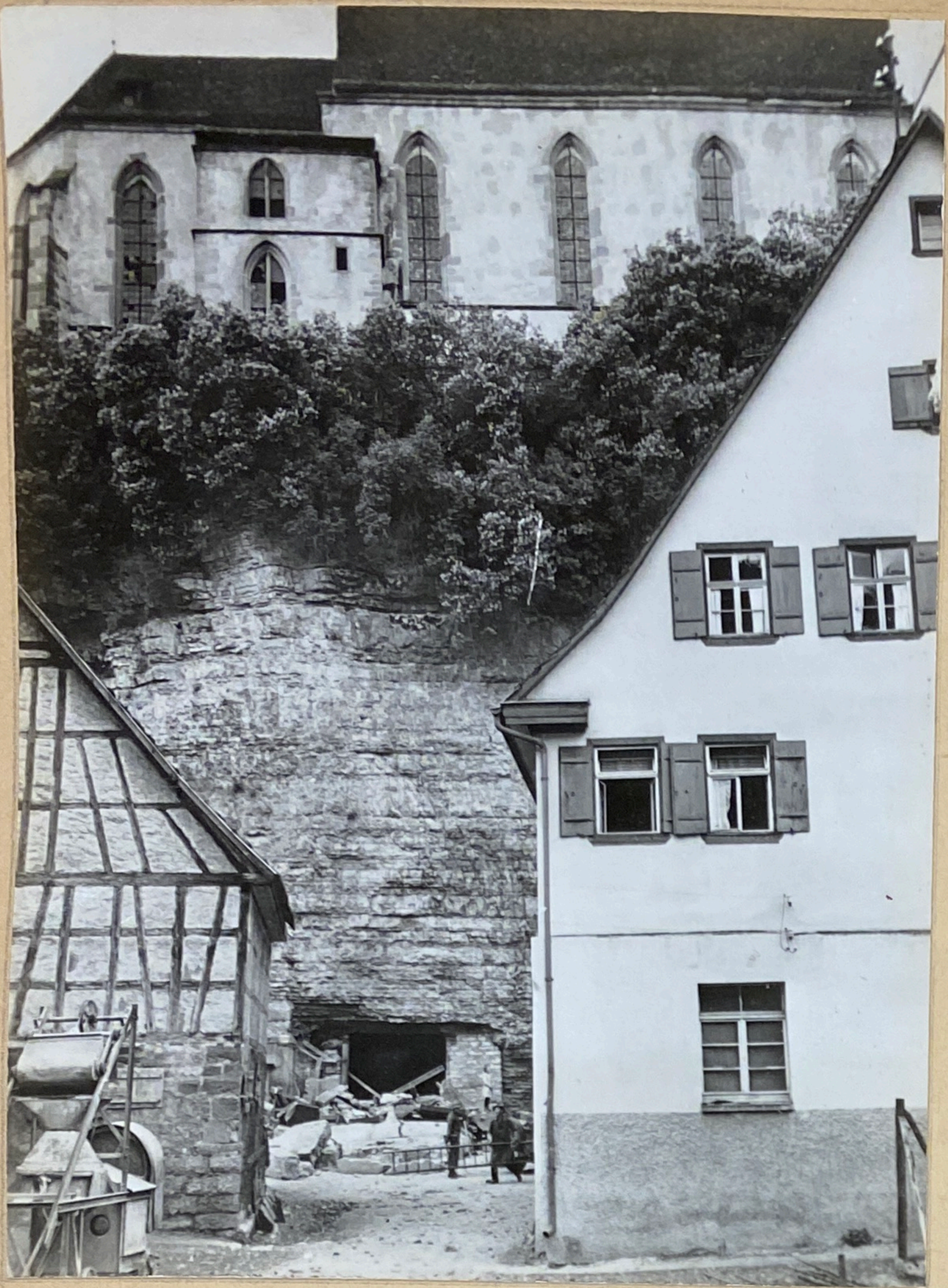


Left:
Old waterdriven grist mill near Hagerloch where three drums of heavy water were seized. On this mission Lt Gus Toepel had the dubious honor of recovering a sealed drum of important material from the pit of an outhouse.

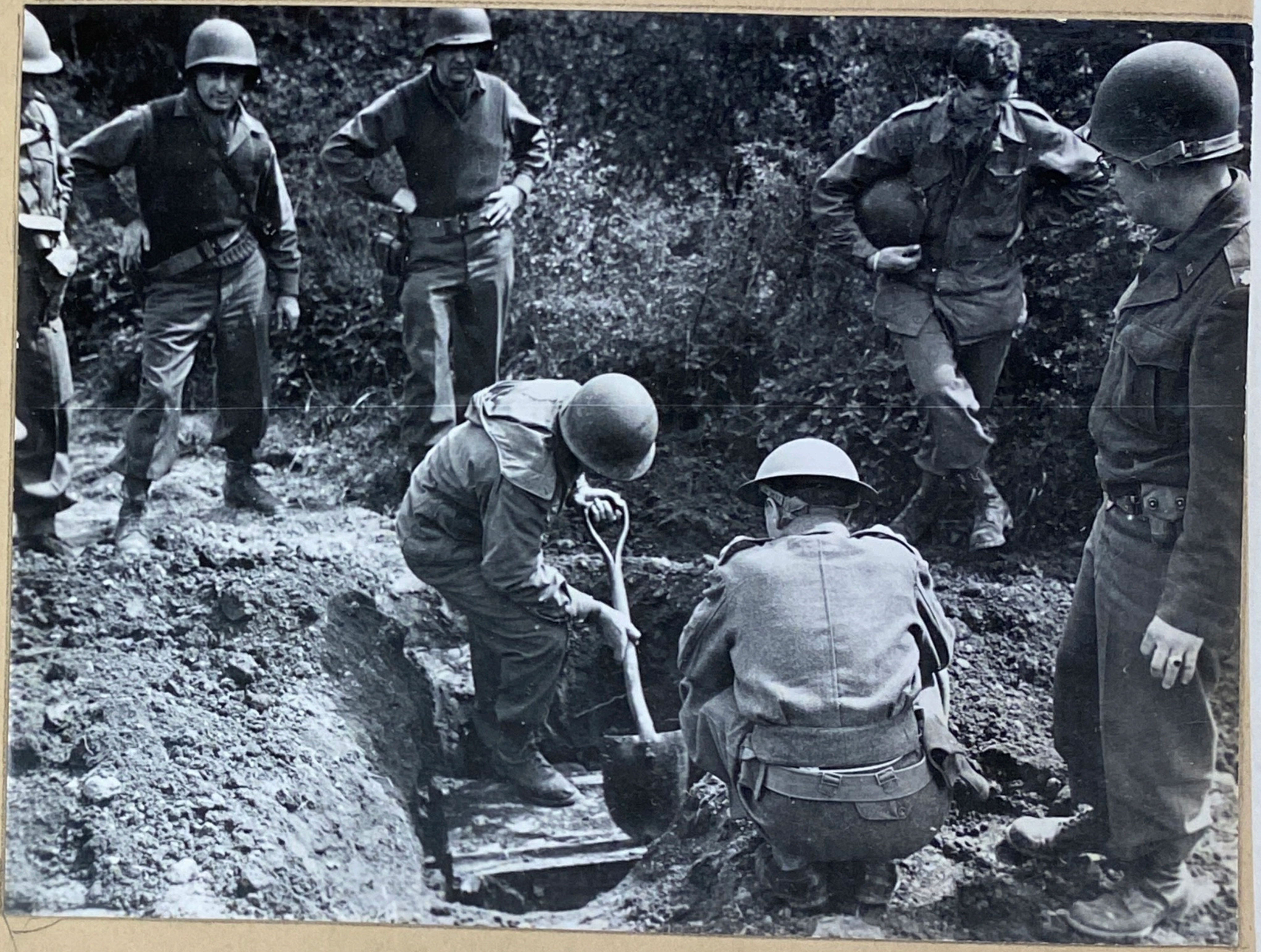
Right:
En route to Hechingen, a bridge is reported blown. (Just beyond building in picture) The column is halted while Colonel Pash advances in lead jeep to investigate with one M-20 to cover in the event of enemy ambush.



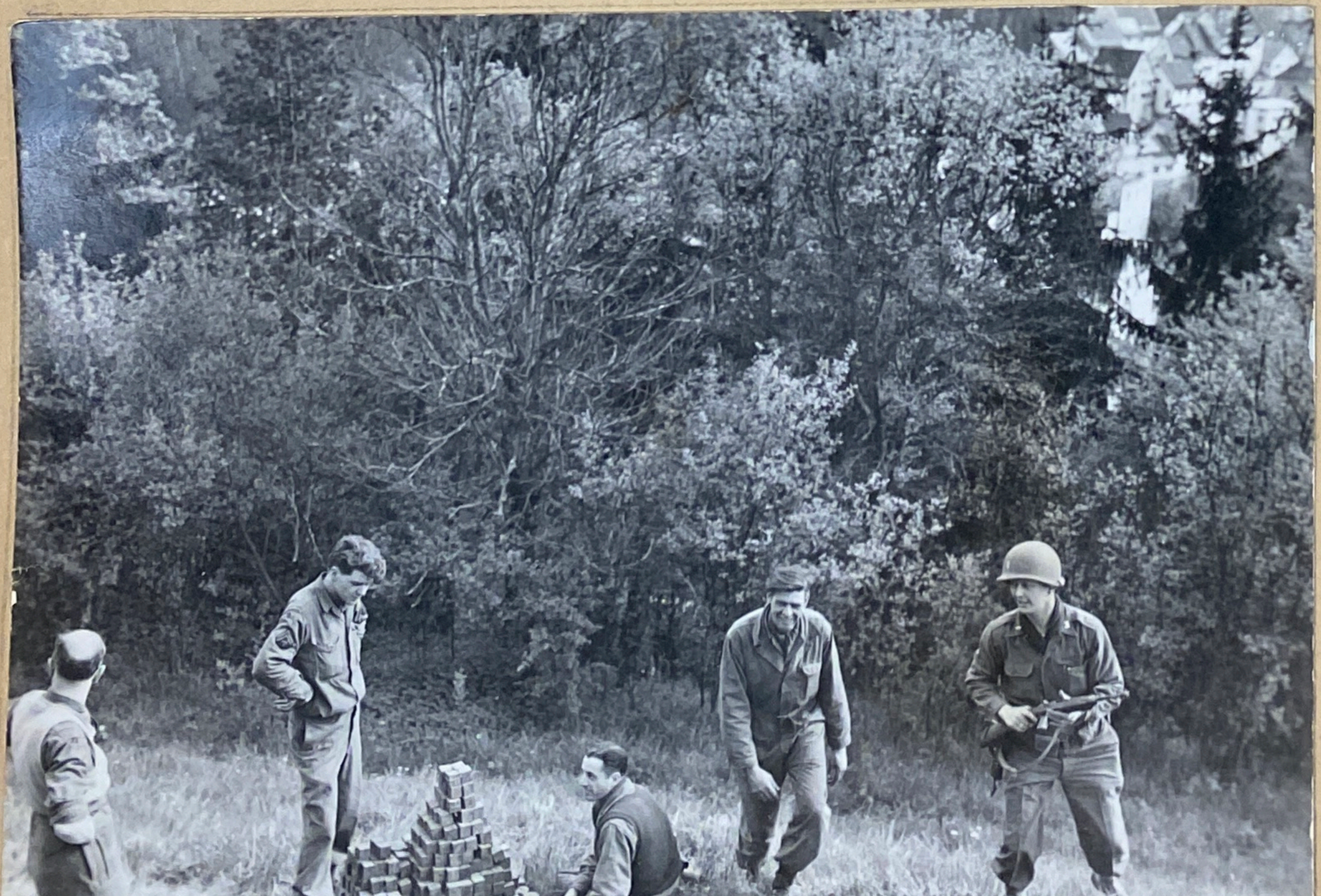
Left:
Corporal Brown swings the fifty around to cover Colonel Pash as he interrogates workmen at the blown bridge.



Left:
There was not much danger of a breakthrough at this point but to make sure that the Germans could not resume their work, the engineers plied their knowledge of demolition on the cave laboratory.

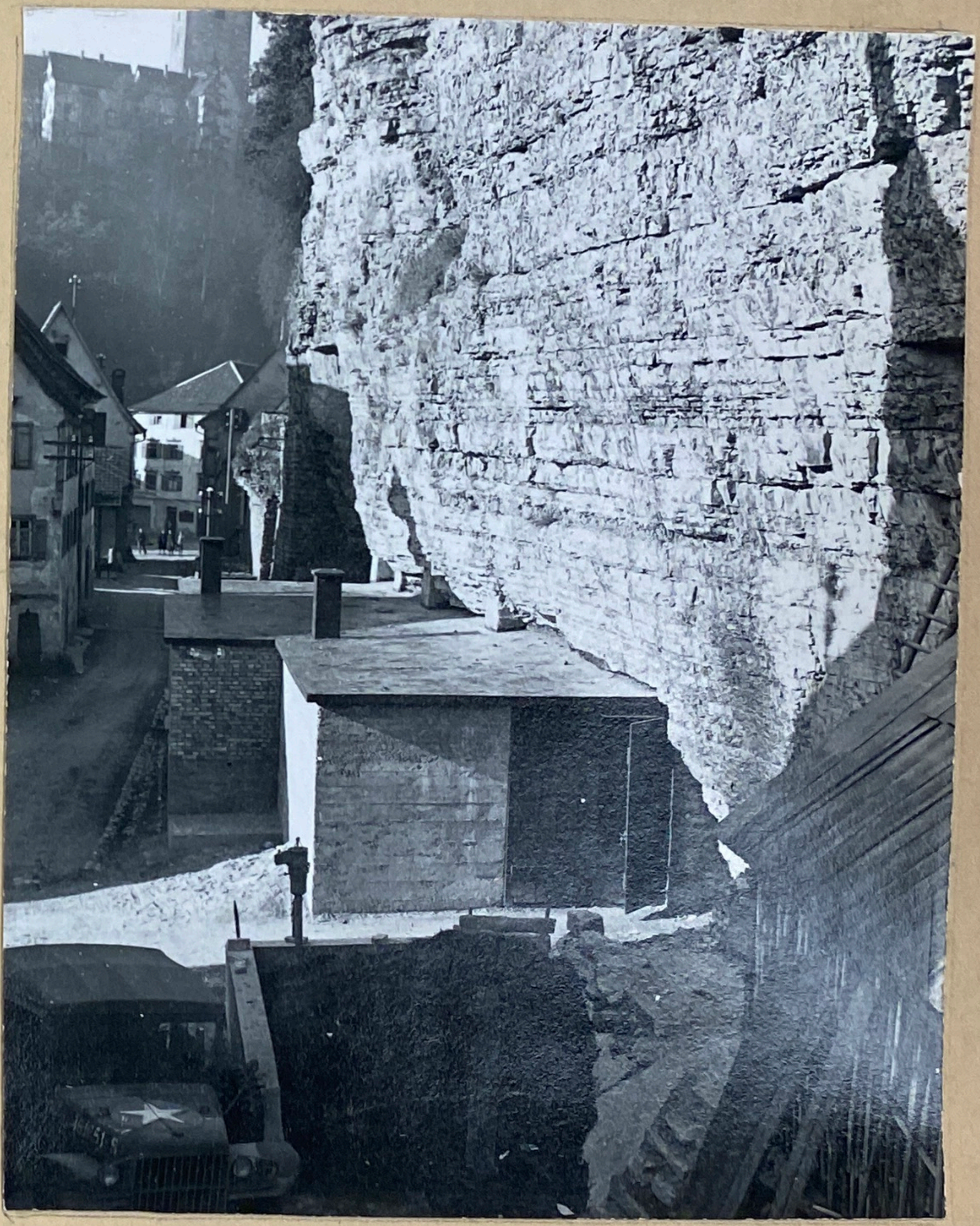


Right:
In a carefully plowed-over field on the cliff above Hagerloch the mission recovered this cache of uranium. Being wary of boobytraps the party had the German who located the spot in the field, dig far enough to uncover the box.

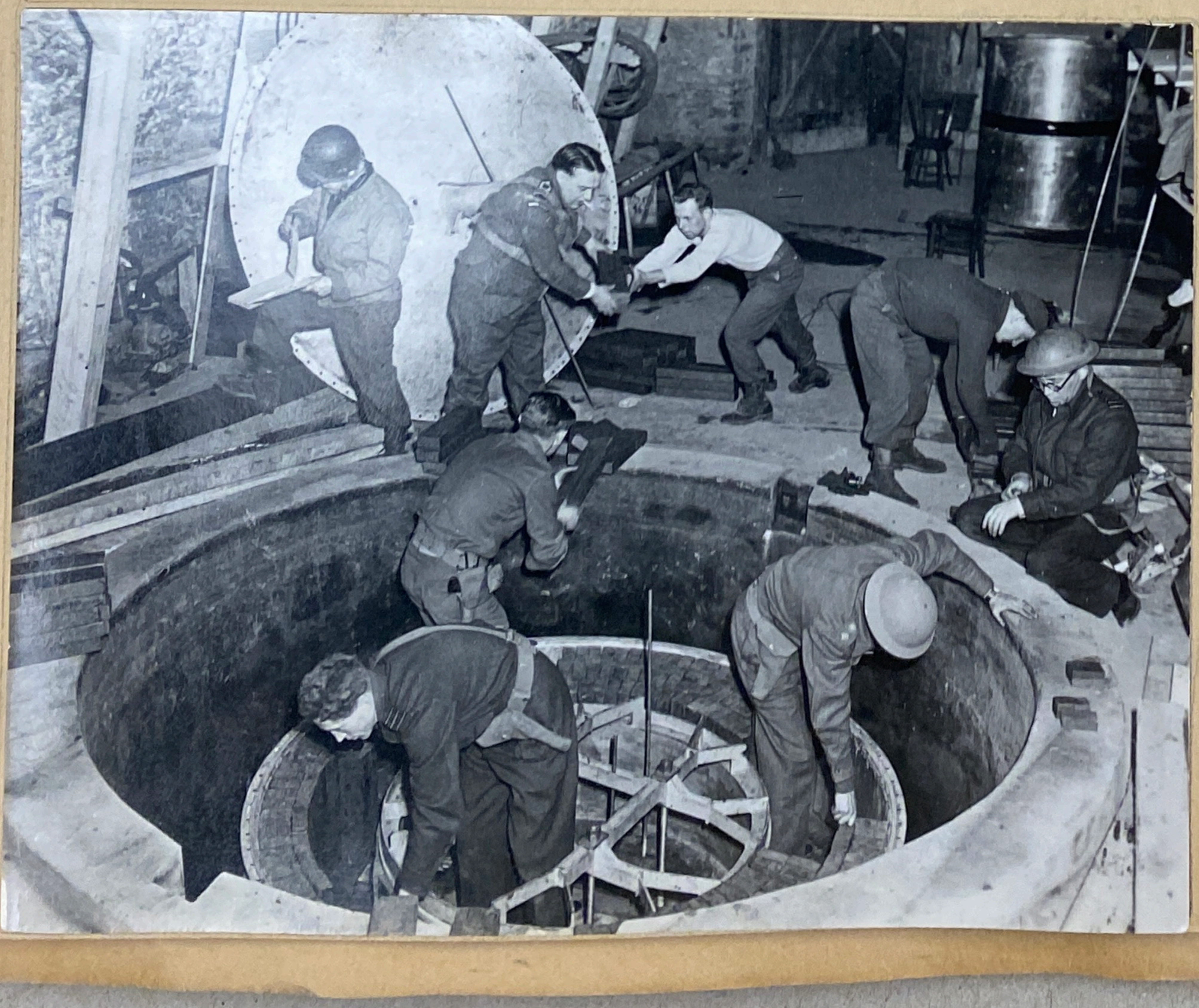


Left:
The small cubes of uranium were so heavy that a chain of men was formed to hand the material piece at a time up the slope.

Left:
As Operations Officer Major Blake established headquarters and billets in the hotel and arranged for the use of the dining room. Here he announces the glad tidings that there will be beer with the rations that night.

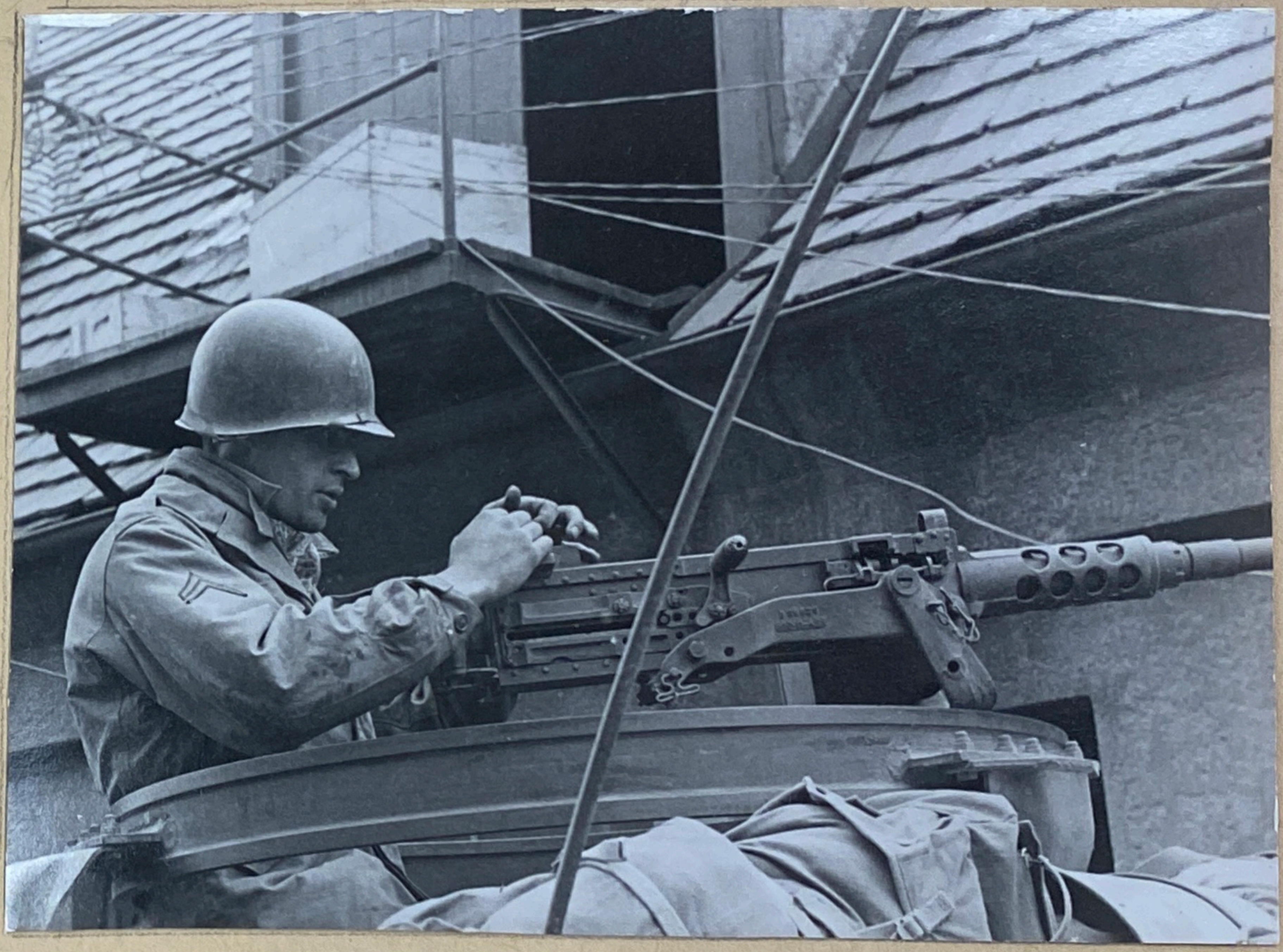


Right:
Entrance to the cave laboratory which the Germans had carved out of this solid rock cliff at Hagerloch. This was the first target taken on the Southwest mission.

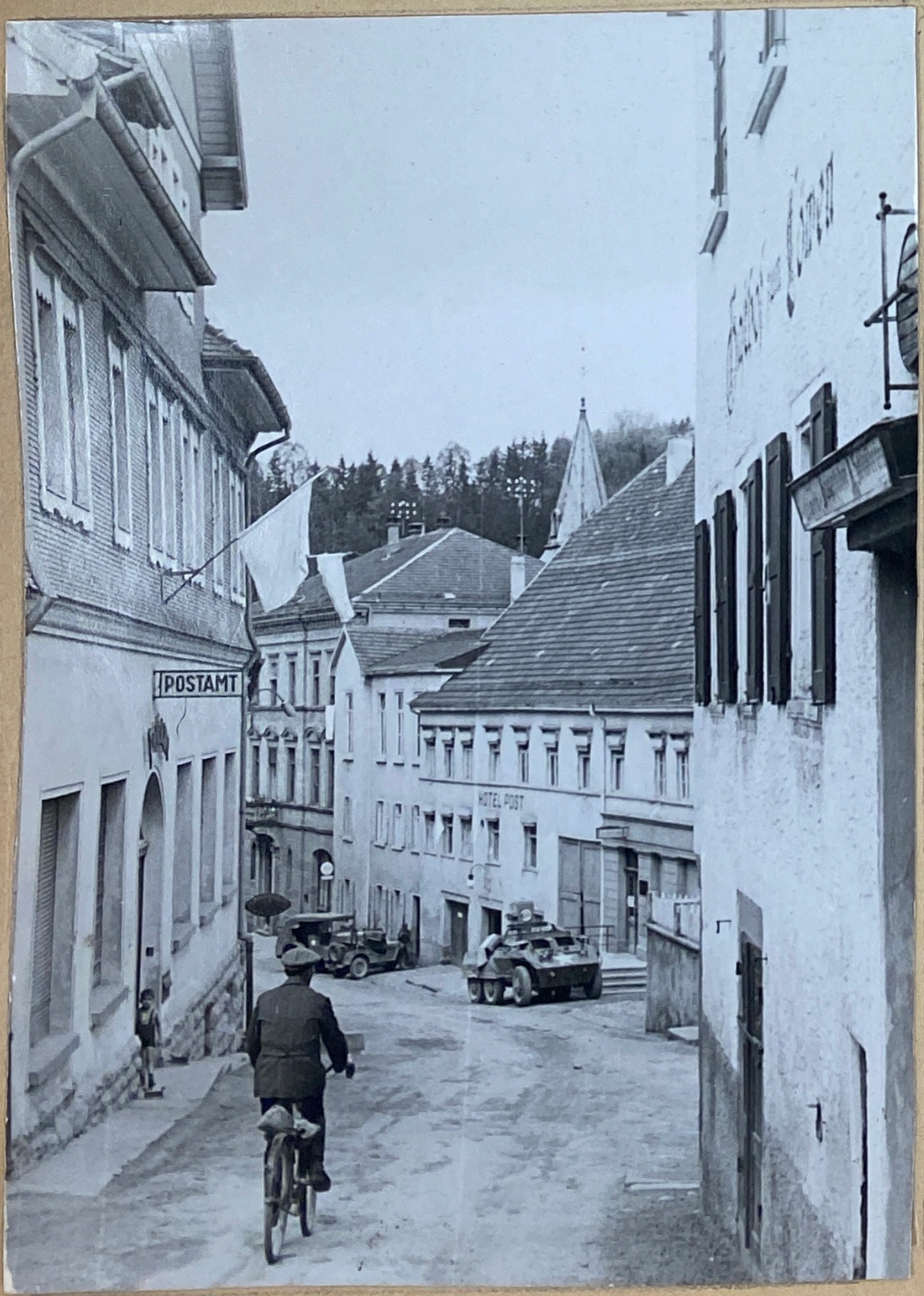


Left:
Doctors, officers, EM and CIC agents all pitch to dismantle this installation in the cave laboratory.

Left:
Casino game on a jeep hood at Task-force Headquarters. Lt. Larry Brown vs. Special Agent Jerry Beatson with Cpl Howard Linton as kibitzer.



Above:
At Task-force Headquarters in Horb, Wurtemburg, Crew Chief Corporal Herald Brown unlimbers the fifty on Colonel Pash's M-20.



Left:
Hotel Post, Task-force Headquarters in Hagerloch. Base for such operations as the cave laboratory; the cache of metal buried on the cliff above the cave and the heavy water uncovered in a nearby watermill.

Left:
Colonel Pash in the first M-20 leads the convoy out of Heidelberg to start the Southwest operation.

Right:
Forward units of the Alsos Task Force cross an American pontoon bridge.

Left:
Alsos moves through the bomb-dust of a German industrial town while circling Stuttgart to get at the Hechingen Area.

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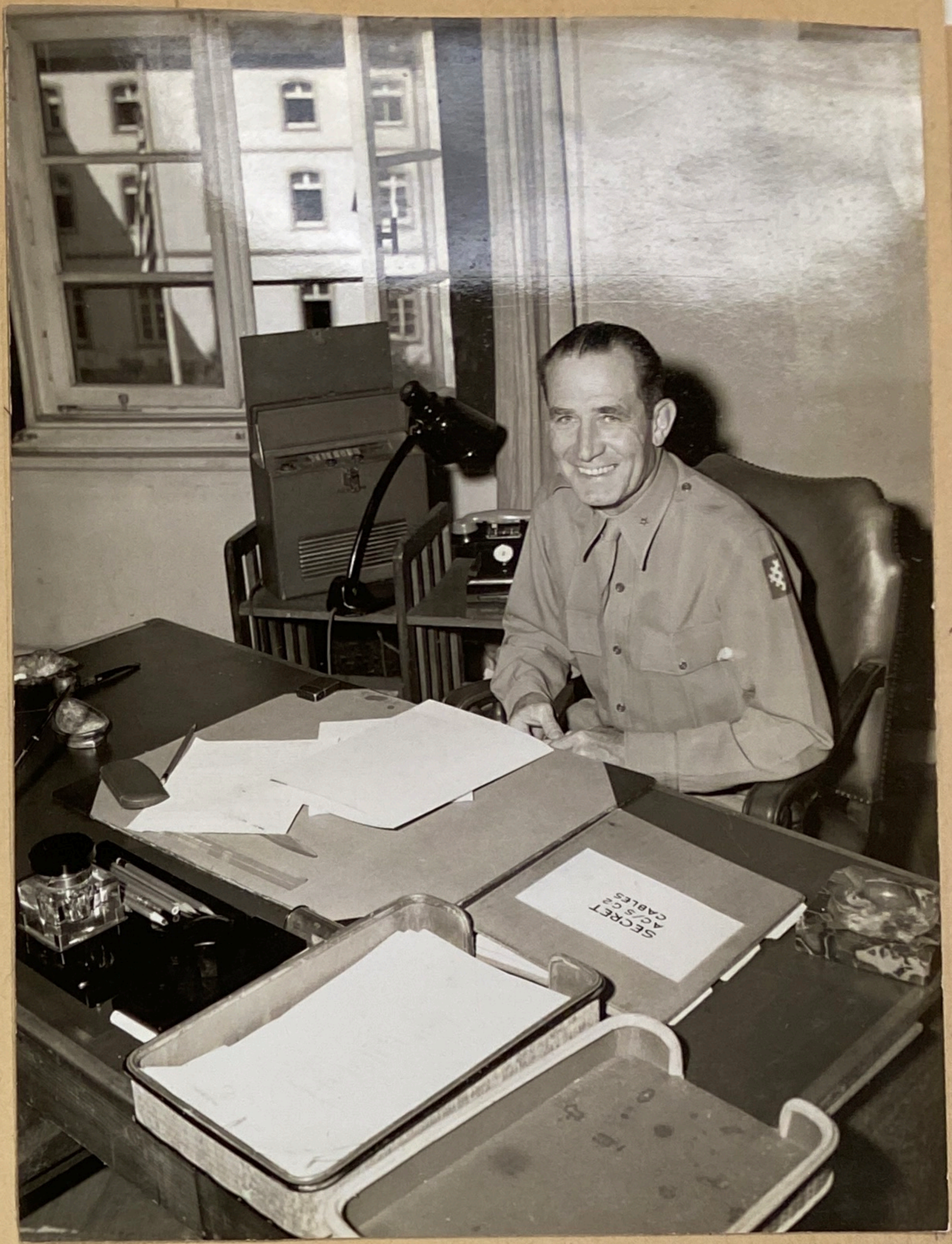
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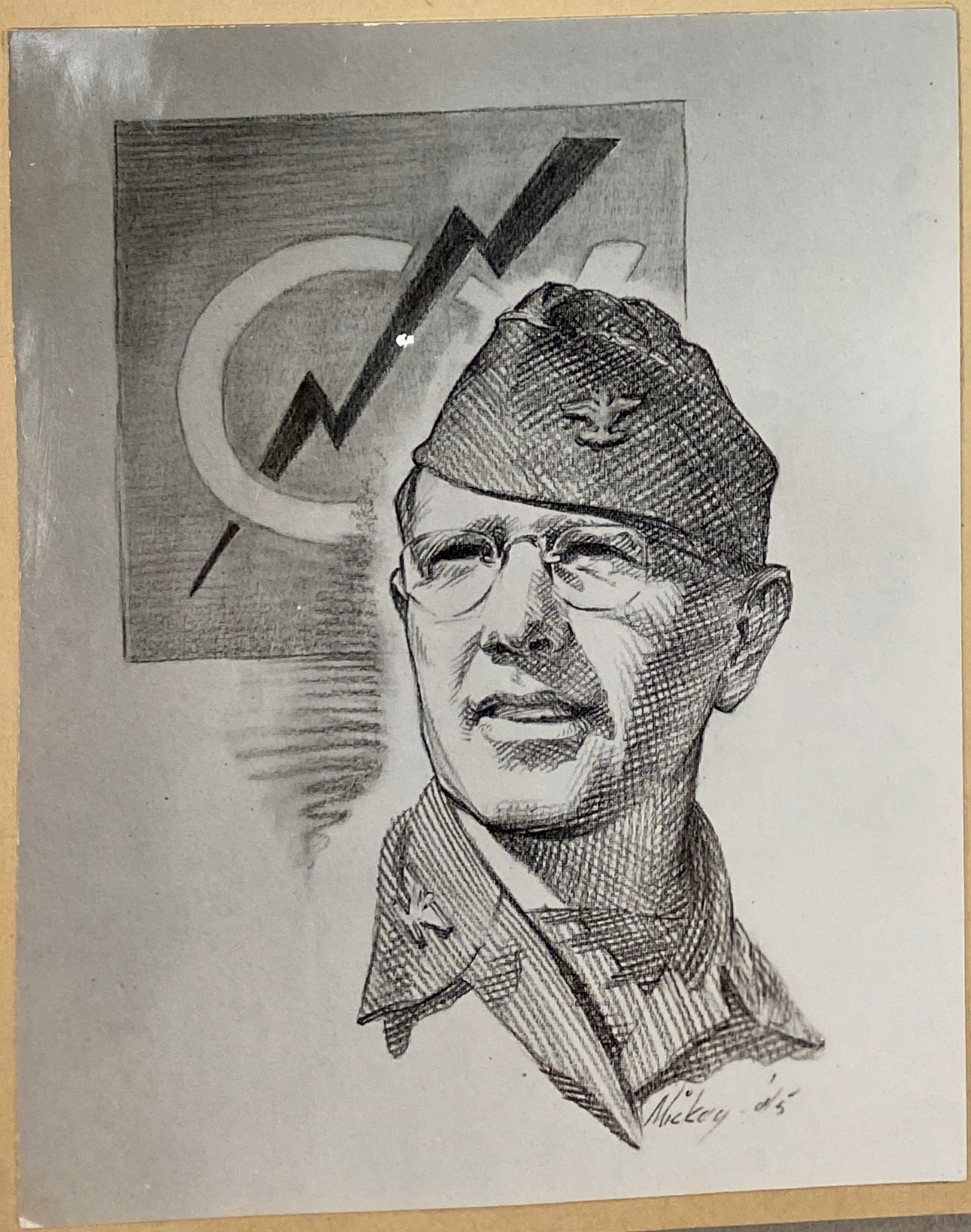

Above left: Brigadier General R. E. Jenkins, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Above right: Brigadier General Eugene L. Harrison, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

Left: Colonel Boris T. Pash, Commanding Sixth Army Group Task Force.

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Chief of Staff.

Doctor Baumann, Doctor Fieser and Lt Ditesheim are again apparently satisfied with teir findings after a tour of a target near Frankfort. In the foreground, CIC agents are questioning factory workers.

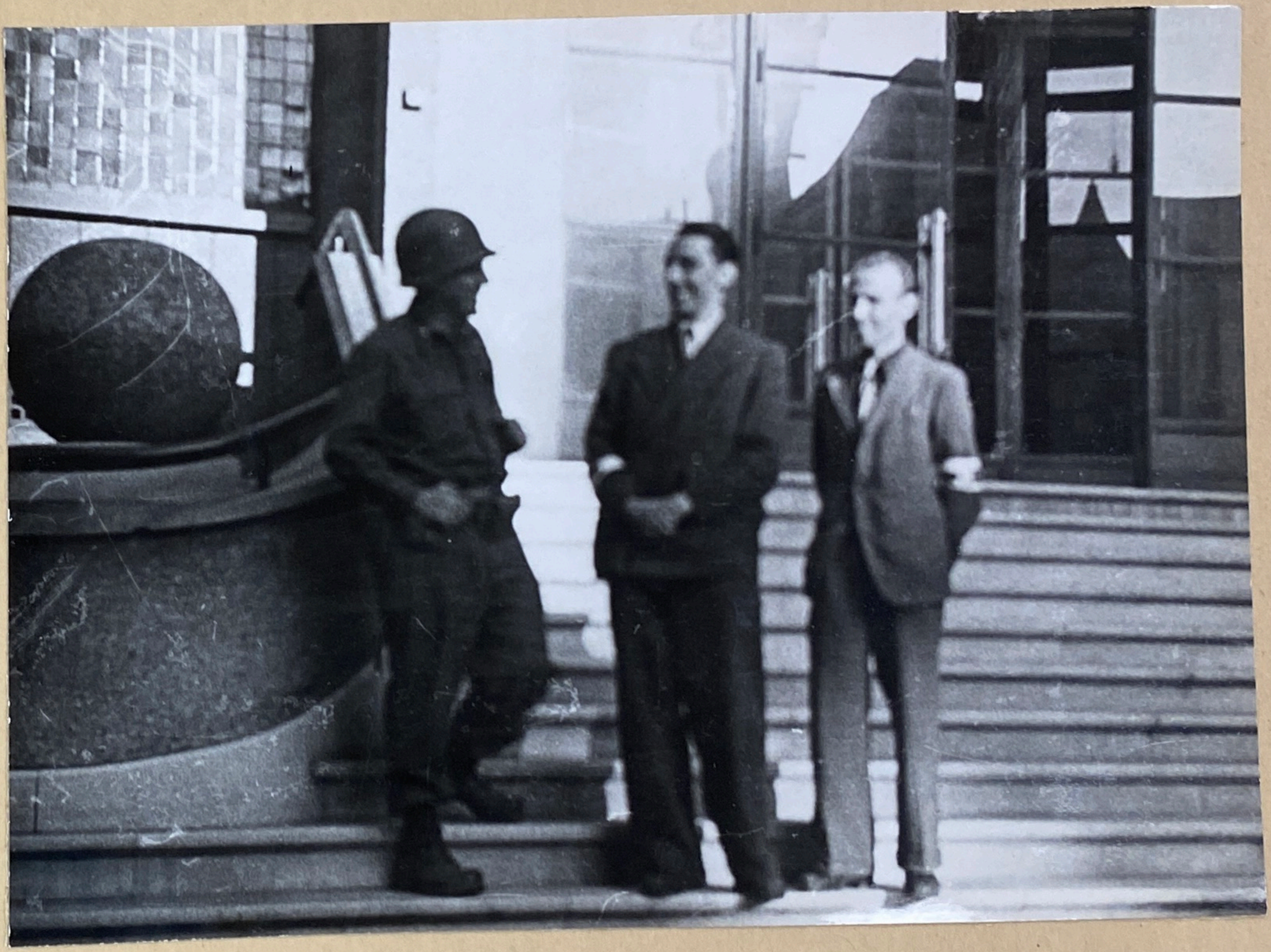
En route to base after completing the mission, the group stops for a typical meal in the field--K-rations with a choice of "B","D" or "S".

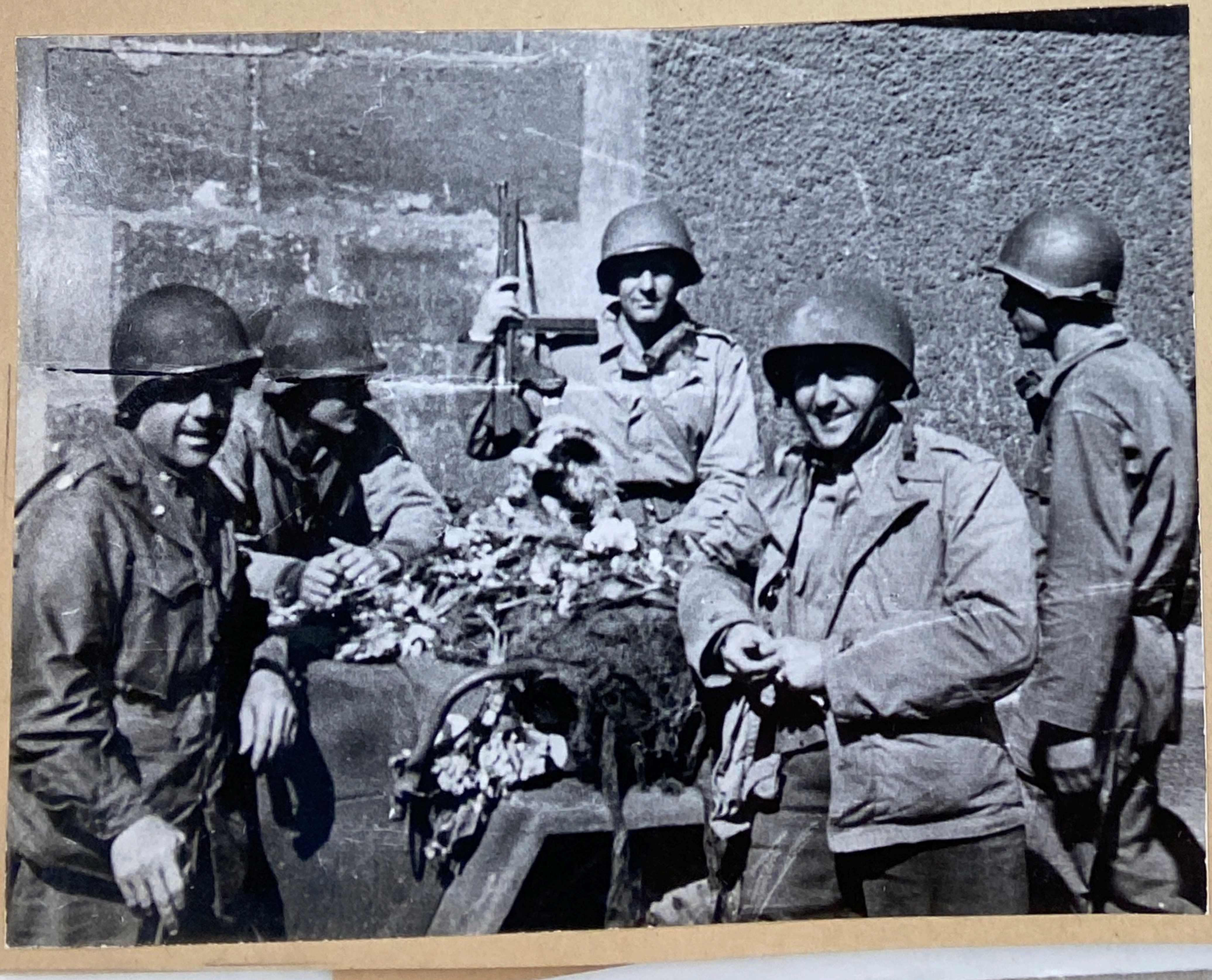
Doctor Fieser and Doctor Baumann and Lt Ditesheim after completing the investigation at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Biophysics, Frankfort. Judging by expressions, the investigation must have been successful.

Doctor Henze and Captain Blake leave the target with their helmets full of documents and the very useful letters that the German scientists so loved to write for us.

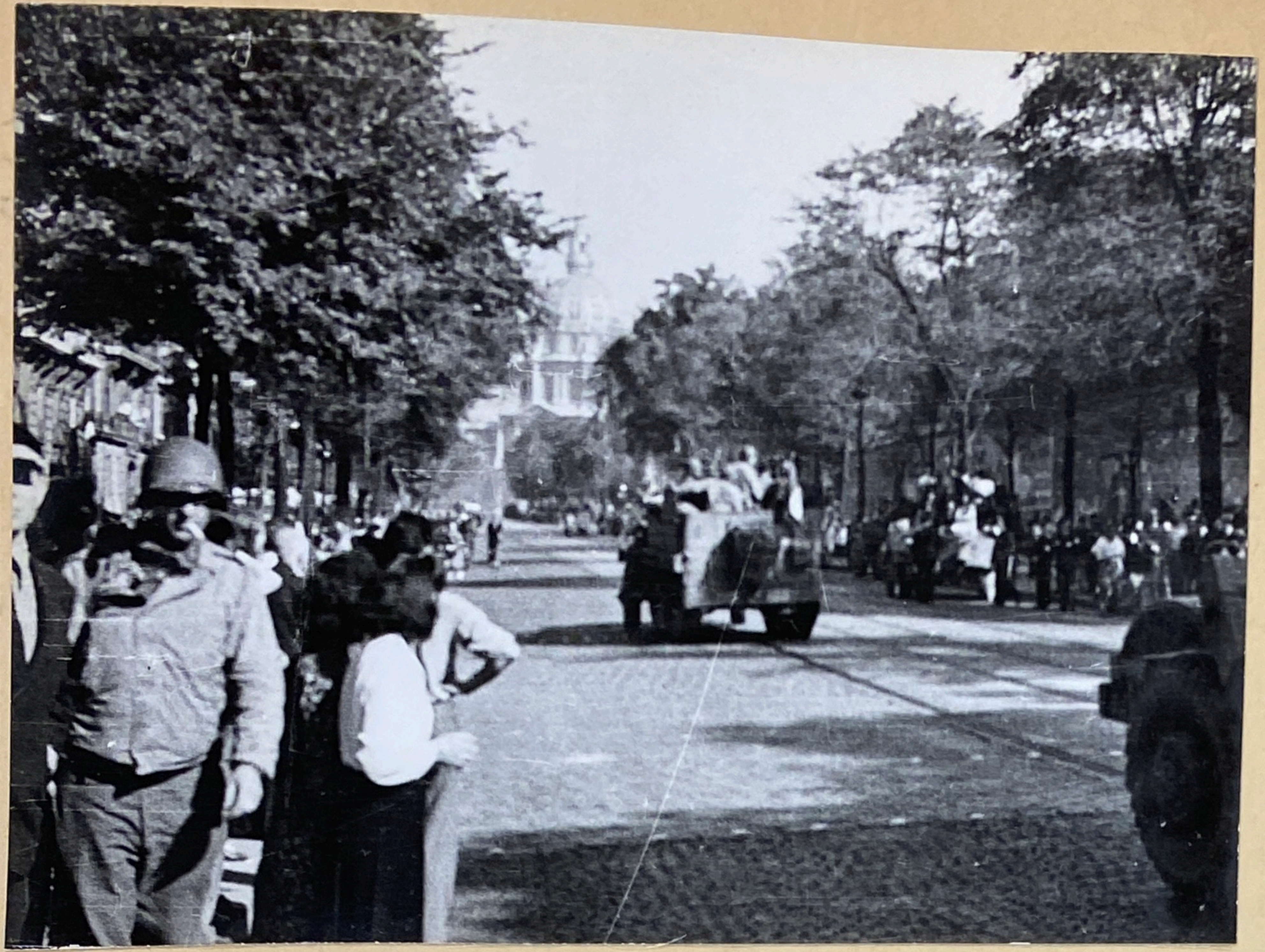
Left:
Colonel Pash hits the dirt in the center of the picture. Leonard i to the right of him.

Right:
Colonel Pash with the chief personnel target in Paris, Doctor Jolliot and his assistant.



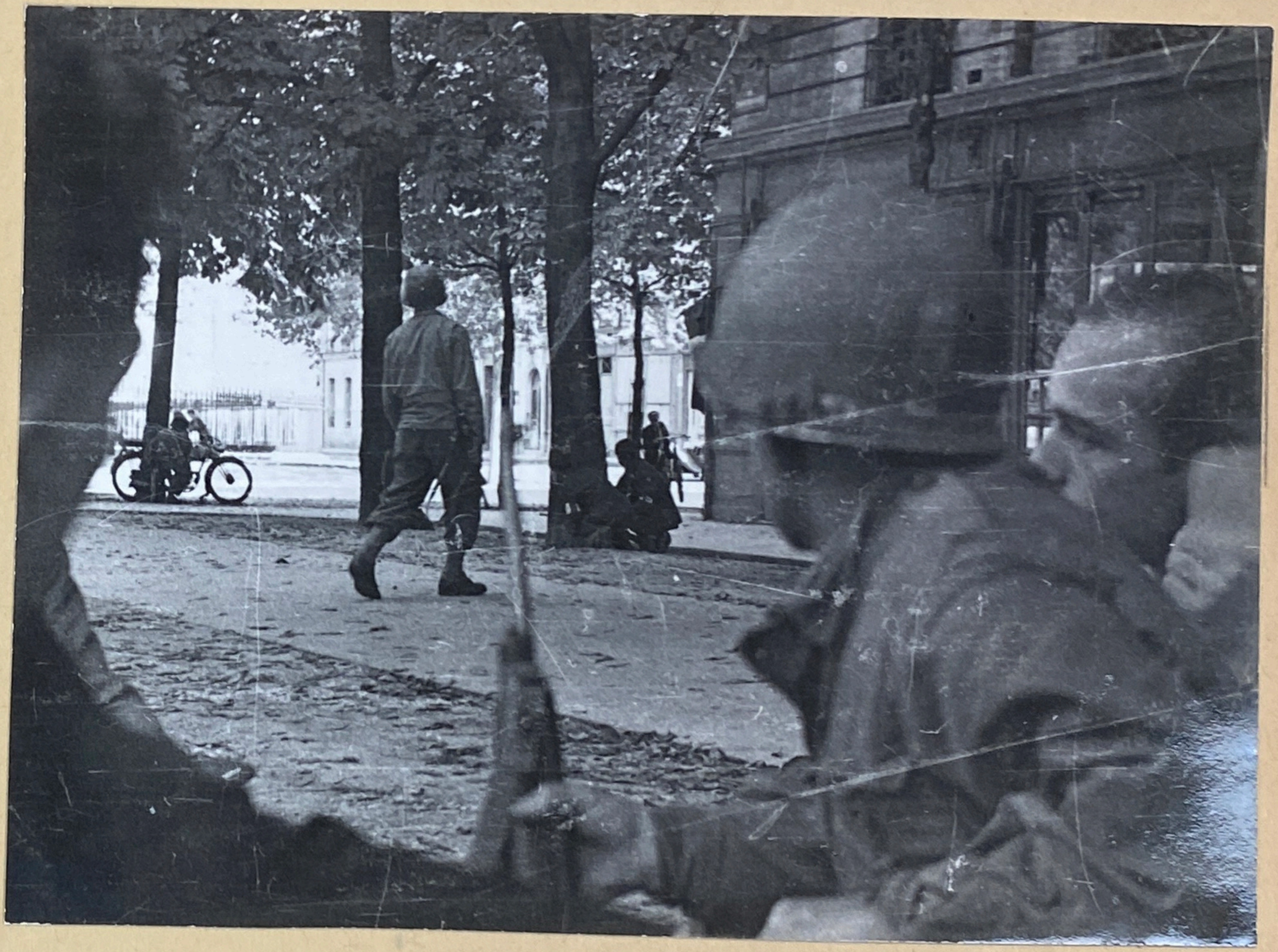


Left:
Mission accomplished the group relaxes amid the flowers that were thrown at them.



Left:
Snipers cut loose on the crowd and the column disperses. Agent Nathaniel Leonard is the Yank in the left foreground.

Right:
In the area by the target, the Mission encountered more snipers. Col. Pash is in the immediate foreground holding the carbine.



Left:
Agent Leonard ducks behind a tree with his tommy-gun.

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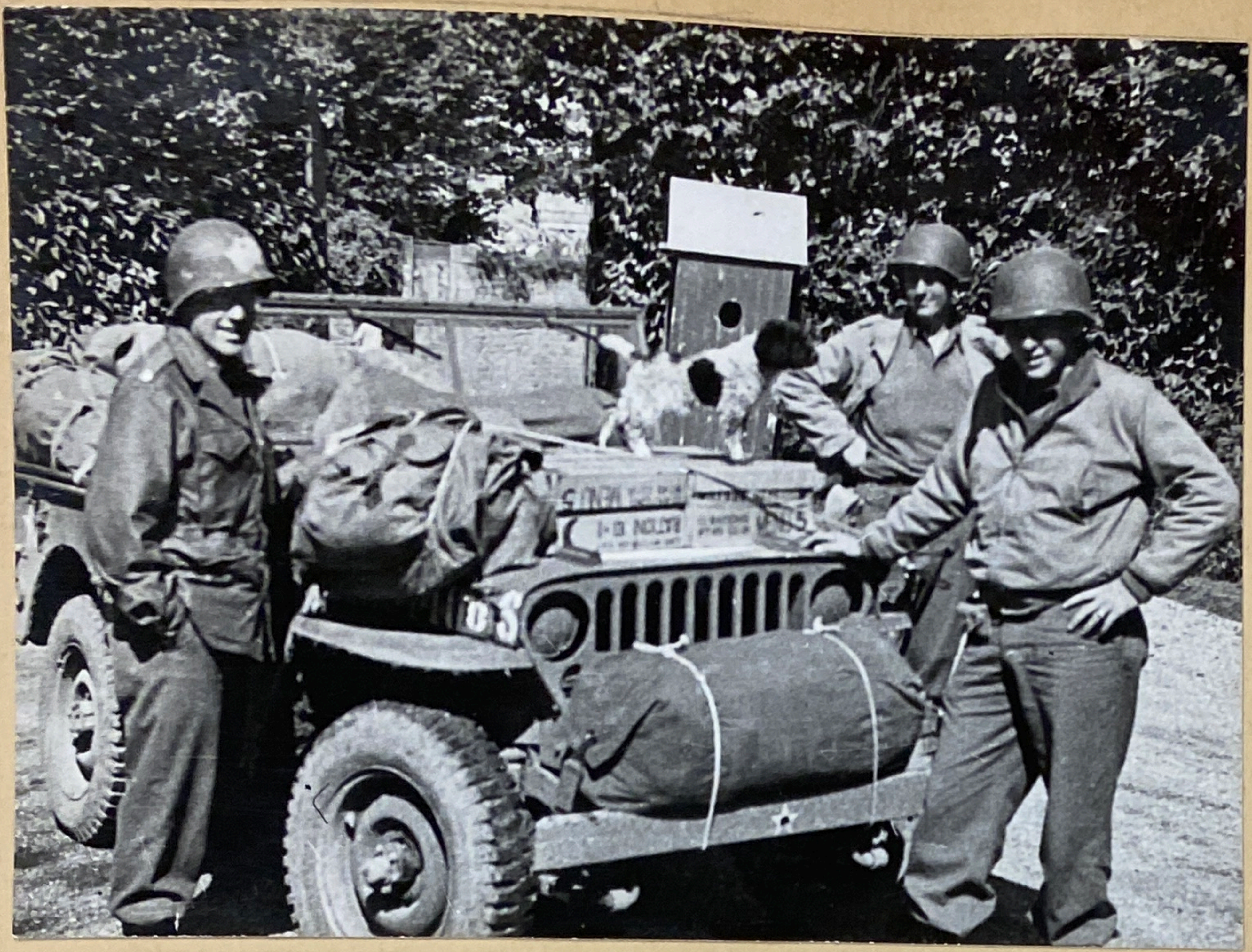
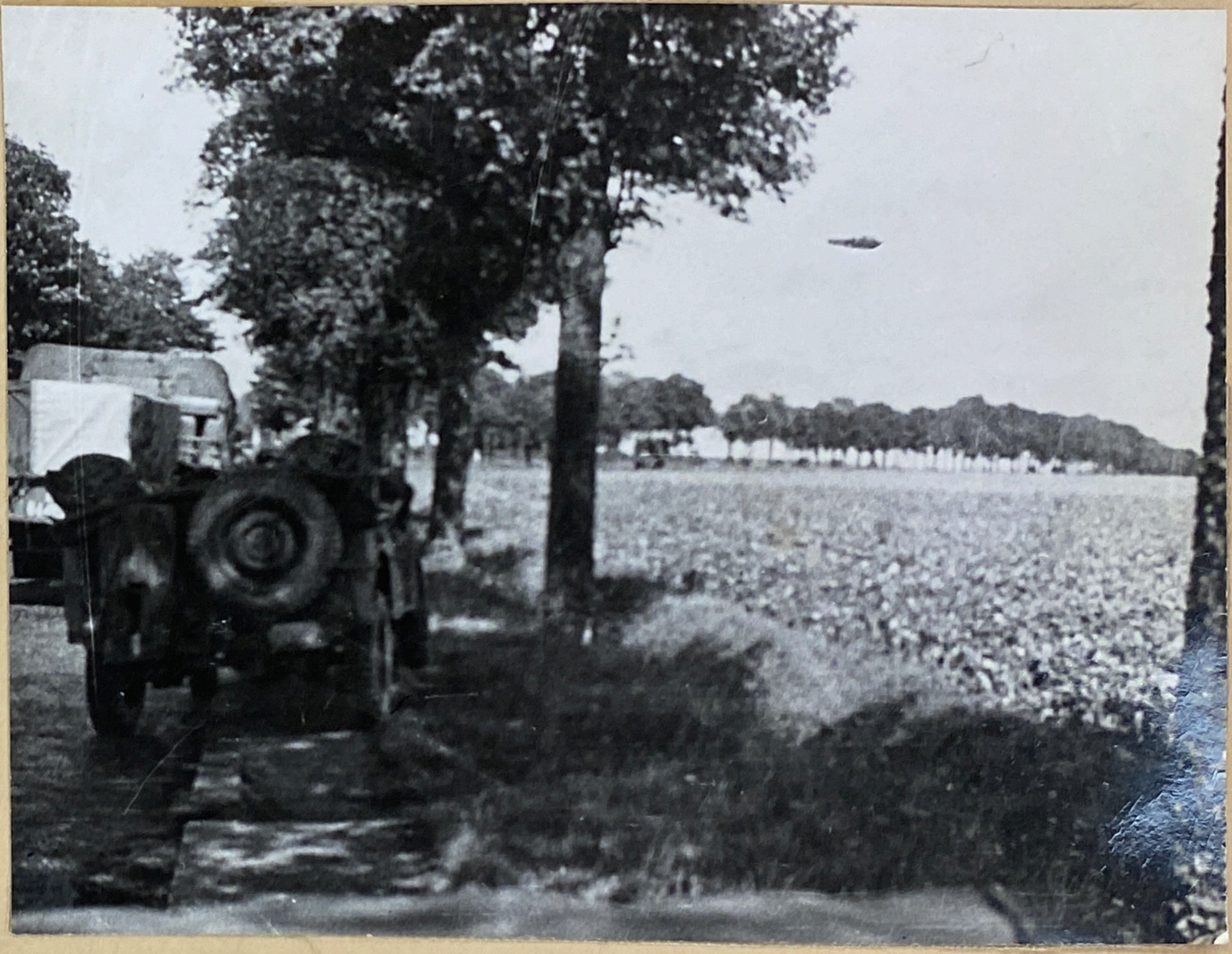
Left:
Brig. General Edwin L. Sibert, G-2, 12th Army Group while in the thick of sniper fire at his CP in the Montparnasse RR station found time for the Mission. His assistance was valuable in Paris, Brittan Northern Germany and other operations.

Right:
Ass allied armor enters Paris the Parisians mobbed the column; threw flowers and kisses and even climbed aboard in their frenzy.



Left:
Colonel Pash, Agents Leonard and Beatson, and Mascot "Alsos"; all set for the Paris operation. Major Calvert, the fourth member, took these pictures.



Right:
On the road to Paris the vehicles are deployed under the trees and the occupants hit the dirt as a Heinie plane comes in low.

Left:
Colonel Pash and his mud covered mount. Windshield down and covered the jeeps were stripped for action.

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# FOREWORD

This album presents a photographic history of the Alsos Mission as it fought, worked and played.

The results of the Mission's activities were considered unusually successful by the War Department, the Office of Scientific Research and Development and other interested agencies. It was only through the splendid cooperation and teamwork of every man on the Mission that such success was possible. In looking through this book, the reader should consider every man an integral part of the Mission and an important factor in the final success.

On this occasion I wish to give credit to and commend every man of the Mission.

BORIS T. PASH
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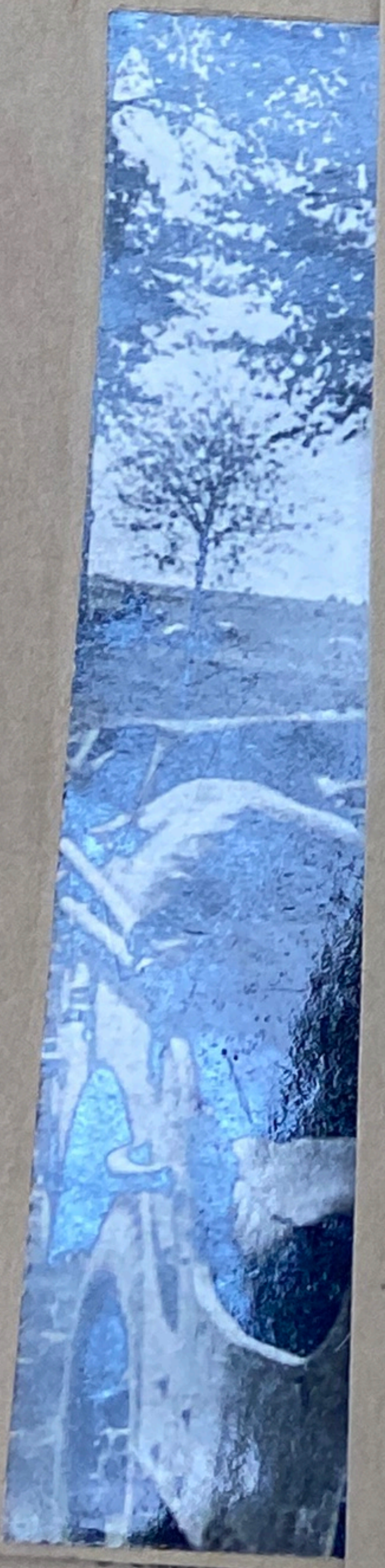

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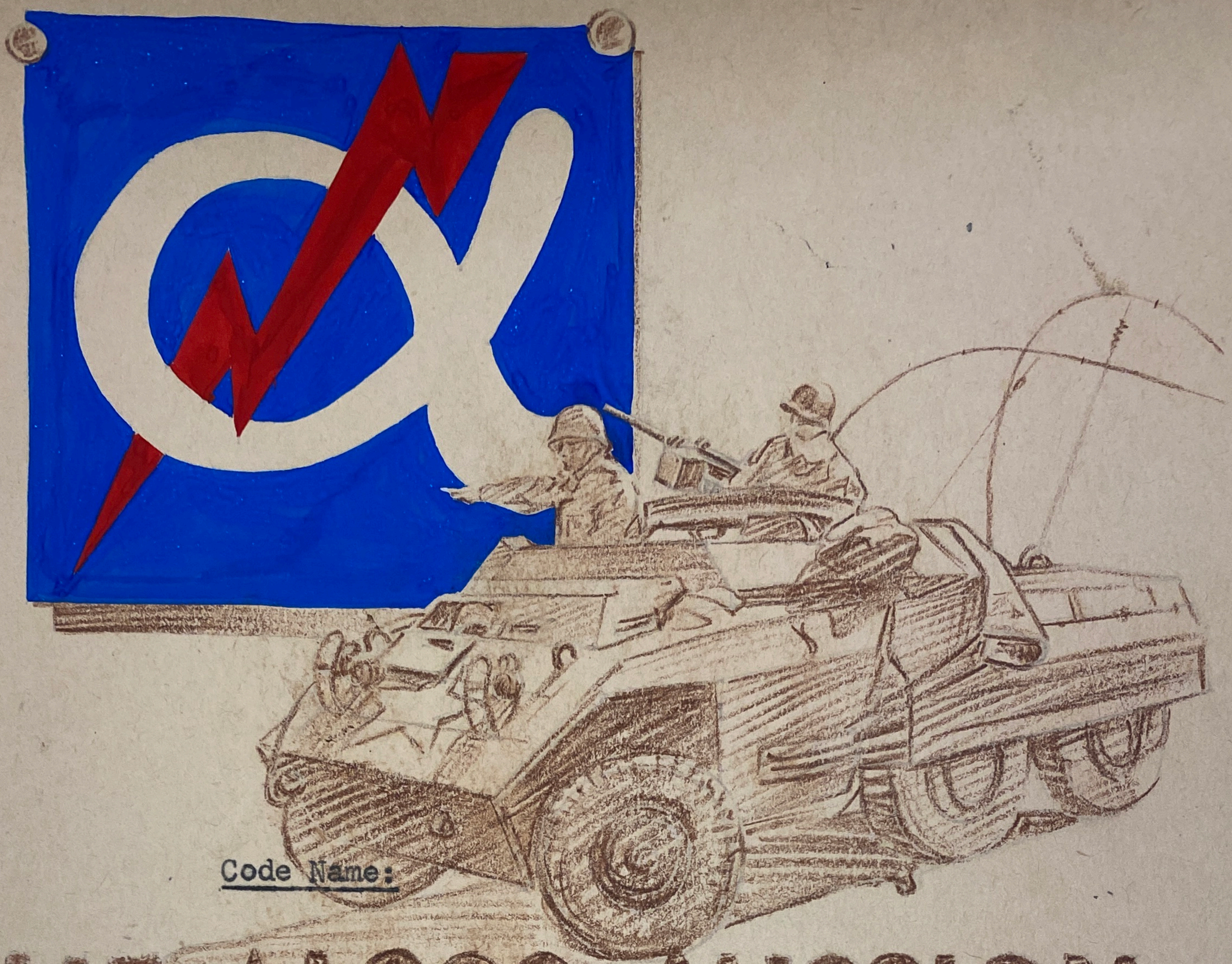

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